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OF

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[*From January* 4 *to December* 28]

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* —

The Consultation and Diary Book of George Morton Pitt Esqr. President & Governour &c^t. Council their Proceedings and Transactions in the Affairs of the Honourable United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies in the Presidency of the Coast of Coromandel. For the year 1731.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

MONDAY THE 4TH.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General Letters read

N°. 1 From the President & Council of Bengall dated the 9th. Ultimo ℘ Fordwich & Craggs inclosing their Invoices and Bills of Lading &c^a. papers as ℘ List.

from Bengal,

N°. 2 From the Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam by those ships dated the 30th. December enclosing Bills of Lading for three hundred Ninety two 392 Bales and advising of the Cheif's taking passage.

Vizagapatam &

N°. 3 From the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 29th. Ultimo inclosing their Cash account for last Month, and advising of further damages that have happened to their buildings by the continued rains with an Estimate of the Expence of Repairing them amounting to one hundred forty one pagodas twelve fanams 141. 12. —. They also acquaint that the Inhabitants of the Pacheree Village being in danger by the Freshes running in Penny river desire to remove to the higher ground a little nearer Tevnepatam which may be done without any Inconvenience. ORDERED That they have liberty to repair these damages and that the Inhabitants of the Pacheree Village be gratified in their request.

Fort S^t. David.

Repairs of Damages by a late storm allowed.

N°. 4 From the Dutch Governour of Negapatam advising of an Ostend Ship having been lately seen in Balasore road.

From Nagapatam.

Captain Orrill desiring leave to come up from Fort S^t. David on some private business It is granted.

Capt^t. Orrill permitted to come up from Fort S^t. David.

ORDERED that the Vizagapatam Cloth now on board the Fordwich & Craggs be sent for ashore immediately & sent to the Washers.

Cloth from Vizagapatam Orderd to be washed.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* ——

Accomptants report d[d]. in.

The Accomptants Report of the Expences & Revenues of the Coast read & order'd to be entered.

Ship Cragg[s] dispatch for Europe fix'd.

ORDERED That Captain Grantham do get his ship in readiness to sail for Great Britain by the 18th. Instant.

Paym[r]. advanced money.

ORDERED That the Paymaster be advanc'd Two thousand five hundred 2500 pagodas to defray Charges Garrison &c[a].

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG : BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC : MORSE.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROB[T]. SYMONDS ESQ[R].

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT S[T]. DAVID &C[A]. COUNCIL.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

Since our report of the 16th. Ultimo the very heavy rains that have unexpectedly fallen has done a great deal of more damage to the Company's Building[s] than what fell under our Inspection at that time, which We here presume to set forth under as frugal a Computation as we can possibly calculate, to say

	Pag[s].	fa[s].	Ca.
Tevnepatam Choultry	18	10	—
Tevnepatam Gate & Bridge	33	—	—
Burying place near the Fort	3	10	—
Ditto at Cuddalore	2	6	—
Banksalls at Cuddalore	18	12	—
Cuddalore Choultry	8	9	—
Cooper's Godown	6	—	—
Bandipollam Guard	3	6	—
South Point	1	6	—
Trepopilore Guard	6	12	—
Chemundulum Guard	5	1	—
Horsetail Point	5	12	—
Carpenter's Yard	20	—	—
Fort Bridge	9	—	—
Pag[s].	141	12	—

Which we humbly offer to your further considerations and are with utmost Respect.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble servants,

FORT S[T]. DAVID
DECEM[R]. 26TH. 1730.

R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
EDW[D]. HARRIS.

TO THE HON[BLE] GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R].

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

Having finish'd the Ballance of the General books ending April 1730 I now according to a standing order from the Court of Directors lay before you [the] state of the Expences & Revenues of this settlement and it's subordinates upon this coast compared with the Expences & Revenues of the former years in order that Your Honour &c[a]. may give such directions for the future as you shall judge for the Interest of our Hon[ble] Masters.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* ——

The Expences of Madrass for the last year and the former will appear by the following sketch Vizt.

	Ending April 1729.	April 1730.	Encrease.	Decrease. pa. fa. ca.
Charges Garrison.	16102 — 60	15880 15 40	..	221 21 20
Charges Hospital	873 — 50	784 21 12	..	88 15 41
Repairs of Fortifications ..	1767 26 30	1519 31 30	..	247 31 —
Charges Cattle	800 — —	800 — —	..	— — —
Charges Extraordinary ..	113 21 5	218 35 30	105 14 25	— — —
Charges dyet ..	7000 — —	7000 — —		— — —
Account Salary.	2870 35 53	2859 12 —		11 23 53
Account presents.	297 29 16	311 27 —	13 33 64	— — —
Charges General.	6070 11 30	5953 19 26		116 28 4
Pas. ..	35895 17 7	35328 17 58	119 12 9	686 11 38
		deduct Encrease	..	119 12 9

The Expence of this Settlement decrease'd this year Pas. 566 35 29

The Expences of Fort St. David are as follow Vizt.

	Ending April 1729.	April 1730.
Account Salary	Pas. 758 16 34	710 11 48
Charges Extraordinary ..	163 15 71	125 28 54
Repairs of Fortifications ..	64 27 18	68 18 62
Cattle	600 — —	600 — —
Diet	2744 — —	2584 — —
Garrison	13358 35 8	13173 33 12
Hospital	346 11 58	283 35 42
[Pe]ons & servants Wages ..	3054 6 —	2814 6 —
Presents	8 15 —	21 27 —
Charges General	2241 25 1	2220 34 70

The Expence of Fort St. David decreased this year .. 716 28 6[2]

Pags. 1283 28 1[1]

The Expence at Vizagapatam for the two years are as hereunder Vizt.

Account Stores	Pas. 39 16 31	115 30 56
Account Fortifications ..	262 26 48	262 6 61
Account presents	514 17 70	203 13 69
Charges diet	544 — —	472 18 —
Charges Garrison	1857 30 —	2436 18 —
Charges Extraordinary ..	246 21 16	957 10 1
Servants Wages	998 26 25	1048 1 37
Account Repairs	63 — 38	161 8 33
Account Gardens	40 3 61	63 9 65
Account Wax	46 — —	43 26 32
Account Salary	366 9 77	343 — 13
Factors provisions	30 — —	16 27 60
Charges General	401 15 66	402 23 63
	Ps. 5410 24 32	6526 15 10

Encreased this year .. 1115 26 58

Decrease .. Pas. 168 1 33

Expences at Ingeram & Maddepollum
Anno 1729 .. .. Ps. 1029 18 60
Anno 1730 .. .. 987 4 79

42 13 61

Total decrease in the Expences of this Settlement and it's Subordinates on this Coast .. .. Ps. 210 15 14

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* ——

In the Fort St. George Charges, Every variable Charge is less than the former year except accot. presents 13 33 64
and Charges Extraordinary 105 14 25

Pags. 119 12 9

In the Fort St. David accounts they are also decreased in every article except Repairs of Fortifications 3 27 44
& presents .. .. 13 12 —

Pags. 17 3 44

At Vizagapatam the great Exceedings consist of the following articles Vizt.
Account stores cheifly in the Expence of
Country Match .. .. .. Ps. 76 14 25
Charges Garrison .. .. .. 578 24 —
Charges Extraordinary 710 24 65
Servants wages 49 11 12
Their accot. presents is lessened .. Pas. 311 4 1

The Revenues of this place are as follows
Vizt. Collected by the Sea Customer
for the year 1729 .. .. Ps. 34191 24 52
do. for the year 1730 .. .. 38405 3 40

Encreased .. Ps. 4213 14 68

Collected by the Land Customer
for 1729 .. .. Ps. 8425 37 72
do. for the year 1730. Ps. 4108 2 54
Customs on the Comps. Cloth pd. by the Merchants for what brot. in by them more than recd of them .. 1386 23 72

5494 26 46

2931 9 26

decreased .. 1282 5 42

Customs on Coinage for the year 1729 .. .. .. 7831 21 13
do. for the year 1730 .. .. 2109 3 3

decreased 5722 18 10

Revenues at this place decreas'd this year .. .. Pagodas 4440 12 48
Revenues at Fort St. David for the year 1729. Ps. 10167 8 22
do. for the year 1730 .. .. 10439 34 23

Encreased 272 26 1

Total decrease of the Revenues this year .. .. .. Pagods 4167 22 47

Moortee &ca. Washers their debts decreased .. .. .. Pags. 161 15 —

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble servant

James Hubbard,
Accomptant.

Fort St. George
January 4, 1730.

4 dispatch'd by Tappies a General Letter to Fort St. David.

11 The President communicated to the board a General Letter he had receiv'd some time before from Tellicherry by Patamar peons.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* ——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

MONDAY Y^E^. 11TH.

The administrators to the Estate of John Blunt Esqr. deliver in an account Sales thereof which is ORDERED to be sent home in the packet.

Accot. of the Estate of Jon Blunt deceas'd dd. in.

John Roach paymaster read his account for last Month Viz^t^.

Paymr. accot. read,

Charges Garrison	Pa^s^.	1239	31	25
Charges Cattle		66	24	—
Charges Hospital		42	18	—
Fort Marlbrough		10	—	—
Charges General		424	6	5
Bombay Presidency		25	—	—
Charges Extraordinary		150	22	40
Charges diet		583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications		103	16	45
Pagodas		2645	22	35

ballance due to him one hundred forty five pagodas twenty two fanams and thirty five Cash 145. 22. 35 which is ordered to be paid.

&

The Extraordinary Charges in this account are Viz^t^.

the Extraordinary expence reported.

FORT MARLBROUGH						
Allowance Money to Raja Ooaloodeane & his Serv^ts^.				P^s^. 10	—	—
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY						
Allowance to the Widow Burton & Children				25	—	—
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY						
M^r^. Macrae's last Month's allowance	150	—	—			
Coolyhire on a present to the Nabob	—	22	40			
				150	22	40
Pagodas				185	22	40

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper read his account for last Month ballance due from him one thousand two hundred seventy two pagodas six fanams & thirty six Cash 1272. 6. 36 which he pays into Cash.

Import Warehouskr. accot. read.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer read that account for last Month Viz^t^.

Sea Customrs. accot. read.

Custom on goods imported	Pag^s^.	561	9	52
d^o^. on Grain		45	24	36
Anchorage		8	—	—
		614	34	8

ballance due from him three thousand four hundred ninety one pagodas, four fanams & four Cash 3491. 4. 4 which he pays into Cash.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer delivers in the account of the Town Conicoply's duty as collected by him amounting to three hundred eighty five pagodas twenty three fanams & sixty five Cash 385. 23. 65 which he pays in, and

Accot.dd.in of the Town Conicoplys Duty collected at the Sea Gate &

Samuel Hyde Land Customer delivers in the account of the Town Conicopley's duty collected at the Choultry & pays in the amount being forty two pagodas twenty fanams & twenty two Cash 42. 20. 22.

at the Choultry.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* ——

Charges of making a Water Course allowed out of the Town Conys. Duty.

Nicholas Morse Scavinger acquaints the Board that he has been oblig'd to make a water Course from the Choultry Gate to the river to drain the water from the houses in that part of the town, which is approv'd of & the Charges which he delivers in an account of being fifty two pagodas eighteen fanams 52. 18. — is ordered to be paid out of the Town Conicopley's duty.

Indents dd. in of Broad Cloth from Europe

Sunca Rama &ca. Joint stock Merchants signed their Indent for one thousand 1000 Bales of Broad Cloth.

and Wares and Stores.

The Indents of Wares & stores from Europe delivered in, examin'd & signed.

Old arms sent to England.

The Storekeeper reporting that he has a parcel of decay'd & useless Fire arms under his Charge Ordered that they be sent to England by one of the ships going.

Garnets licenced for Europe.

The Petition of Nathaniel Turner for exporting Eleven Chests of Garnets ℘ Ship Craggs read & granted.

Abatement in the rent of the Company's Gardens fix'd.

Nicholas Morse Rental General delivers in a report of his survey of the two Gardens let to Mahamada & Sebastian Chanda, and beleives that twenty five 25 pagodas to the former & ten 10 Pagodas to the latter for one year is an equitable allowance for the damages sustained by them, which is Agreed to.

Acco t. Remains of the Storeho. & Import Wareho. dd. in.

Mr. Burton delivers in the Storekeeper's abstracts for the last year and the account Remains of the Storehouse Ultimo December and Mr. Peers delivers in the acco t. remains of the Import Warehouse to that time.

Land Customers accot. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer read his account for last Month Vizt.

Choultry Customs .. .. Pas.	531	6	61
Ruby Brokerage on Ps. 991	24	27	72
Registring Nine slaves	2	—	—
Pags. ..	557	34	53

ballance due from him five hundred forty five pagodas Eight fanams & fifty three Cash 545. 8. 53 which is carried forward.

Bills of Exchange to be granted provisionaly.

Several persons applying for Bills of Exchange but as there is a large stock of Cash, Agreed that no Bills be granted but for small sums or deceas'd persons' Estates.

Letter from Tellicherry read.

No. 5 a General Letter from the Cheif & Council of Tellicherry of the 2 November was read acquainting that a contagious distemper had spread itself amongst them & reduc'd their Garrison to the last degree & being apprehensive of Insults from the Natives instigated by the Dutch & despairing of a supply of Military from Bombay request it hence. The President acquaints the board that he receiv'd this Letter sometime past but having no opportunity before of releiving that settlement & their Circumstances being so melancholly, that if it had been known, he feared he should not have been able to get men to assist them with and therefore did not communicate it sooner but that having an Opportunity by the Elizabeth he had ordered an Ensign, two Serjeants, two Corporals, a drummer & thirty one Centinels to be sent them & a further supply of Eighteen men from Fort S. David, with provisions &ct. for their passage which is approv'd of.

A party of Military sent thither.

Rent of the Beetle farm paid in and of

Poncala Kistna & Rama Chandra Betle & Tobacco farmers pay into Cash Eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one Month's rent due the 5th. Instant.

the Arrack licence.

Poncala Kistna Farmer of the arrack & Wine Licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five pagodas for one Month's rent due the 5th. Instant.

Allowance for diett money to Mr. Macrae continued to the time of his departure.

Mr. Macrae having had his diet allowance hitherto paid him, and We beleiving it the Intention of the Honble Company that he should be allow'd it to the departure of the first ship though limited to six Months, Agreed that it be continued not doubting but Mr. Macrae will repay the surplus if disallow'd by the Company.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31* ——

The President acquaints the board that a very surprising accident having hap-pen'd this morning which by a false representation might be used very much to the detriment of his Character he thinks it incumbent on him to clear that by giving them the whole account of the affair which is thus :—One Gruapa a person frequently entrusted with the Sale of diamonds had for some Months amused him with the notice of having in his custody a diamond of the most extraordinary size that had been known which made the President very desirous to treat with him about the purchase of it, which the man seem'd inclin'd to, & promised to bring the diamond to the President, but with a number of trifling Excuses he delay'd & shifted it off from one time to another till last Wednesday, when Gruapa came to him in Company with Poncala Kistna & Permaul & told him he had brought the diamond he promised but could not then let him see it the said owner not being in the way and then deliver'd him a large Bulse seal'd with three seals which he said were the owners who would wait on the President in a few days & strike the bargain. The President observ'd to him that the stamp of one of the three seals was imperfect which he immediately offered to correct with his own Seal, but the President being very desirous to see the diamond told him if he had power to alter the seal, he had power to open the bulse, on which [he] recollected himself, & tearing off a piece of his Clout carefully wrapp'd that about the bulse and fixed a seal thereon which was a small Cornelian stone he took from his Turband & so left the bulse, having at several times receiv'd before thirteen hundred pagodas, which he said the Owner was in immediate want of : the next morning the President went to the Mount & carried the Bulse with him thinking it more secure with himself than any where else, but before he had been at the mount many hours, he was surpriz'd with the News of Gruapa's being dead, that he died suddenly in the Morning without discovering any previous Symptoms of Illness. Mr. John Roach and Mr. Rawson Hart were present with him when he receiv'd this news, which he was very sorry for and immediately told those Gentlemen of his having received a very large diamond from the deceas'd & shewd them the bulse, and further told them It had been possible to secret such an affair but he assur'd them though he had not agreed for the sum he was resolv'd the Man's family should have full as much as he could afford to have given had the man been alive. After the President's return from the Mount he was acquainted that the same Gruapa had been with Mr. Macrae & offered to lodge with him a large diamond upon receiving ten thousand pagodas but he refusing to let Mr. Macrae see the diamond, they came to no agreement. This story gave some suspicion to the President who being willing to be satisfied & not knowing who the owner was he sent for Mr. Roach & Mr. Hart who had before seen the bulse & shewing them the seal & satisfying them the Bulse was in the same condi-tion he receiv'd it did in their presence cut it open without defacing the seals and all that was found therein was a large sandy stone which he Delivers to the board to view. Mr. Roach & Mr. Hart being present at this Narration declare upon oath, that the parts where they are mentioned to be present, are true. Captain Eckman who had been very conversant with this man for a long time being examined & shewn the outer seal, declares upon Oath that he remembers it very well and knows it to be a seal that the deceased Gruapa had in his Custody and that the Inscription thereon is the word Raganaculoo, and gives this further testimony concerning it that Gruapa once offered to give him that Cornelian before it was cut but not caring to accept of it his dubash desired Gruapa would cause it to be cut for him but not being done to his liking he return'd it to Gruapa. Captain Eckman's dubash was called for and asked his Name ; he says it is Raganaculoo, and being examined concerning the seal he declares he knows it very well and gives the same account of it that Captain Eckman had done.

Account of a Transaction between the Presidt. and a Diamond mercht.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug : Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic : Morse.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730-31 ——

An account of the Town Conicopley's Duty collected at the Seagate.

For January	96	23	50
February	147	18	25
March	44	29	65
April	65	14	40
May	96	12	65
June	14	8	60
July	25	17	55
August	19	25	75
September	20	34	40
October	2	25	65
December	1	28	[5]
Pa^s^.	535	23	6[5]

deduct the usual allowances Viz^t^.

Town Conicoply	100	—	—	—		
Receiver	50	—	—	150	—	—
Nett pagod^s^.				385	23	65

ERRORS EXCEPTED

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
DECEMBER 31, 1730.

℗ RANDALL FOWKE
Sea Customer.

An account of the Town Conicopley's duty collected at the Choultry.

For January	1	27	33
February	4	7	1
March	2	23	20
April	3	14	39
May	4	13	66
June	2	6	5
July	5	1	21
August	5	10	66
September	4	14	37
October	3	4	56
November	2	29	70
December	3	11	8
Pagodas	42	20	22

SAMUEL HYDE
Land Customer.

TO THE HON^BLE^ GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^ SIR &C^A^.

I request your leave to lade on board the Honble Company's ship Craggs Eleven Chests of Garnets P^ze^ one hundred thirty two Maunds and am with respect.

HON^BLE^ SIR &C^A^.
Your Obedient Humble Servant,
NATHANIEL TURNER.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
11 JANUARY 1730.

TO THE HON^BLE^ GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S . GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

The two farms let to farm one to Mahadu the other to Sebastian Chanda suffered very much in the late storm two hundred trees having been blown down & many shattered and thô care has been taken to set up all those again which were not

entirely ruin'd yet there is scarcely one that will grow. Your Honour &c^a^. having on the petition of the renters for an abatement of some part of the rent directed me to examine into the affair which I have accordingly done & am of opinion if you will grant an abatement of twenty five pagodas to Mahaudu & ten to Sebastian Chanda for the ensuing year it will make up for the Loss they will sustain by the accident. I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient servant
Nicolas Morse.

Fort S^t^. George
11 January 1730.

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President. — Thursday 14.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Randall Fowke Export Warehousekeeper read his account for last month Ballance due from him six hundred fifteen pagodas, twenty two fanams & seventy six Cash 615. 22. 76. of which he pays six hundred 600 pagodas. — Export Warehouse acco^t^. read.

Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper be advanc'd six hundred 600 pagodas to be advanc'd to the Washers. — Money advanced the Exp^t^. Warehouskeeper.

The President read the account of the Honble Company's Cash for last Month ballance remaining Ninety four thousand six hundred seventy seven Pagodas twenty five fanams & twenty four Cash 94677. 25. 24. which is carried forward. — Cash account read.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. read the Mint account Current for last Month, ballance of Rupees remaining five thousand eight hundred & two & five anaes 5802. 5 — which is carried forward & the Ballance being Pagodas Nine & thirteen fanams & twenty Cash 9. 13. 20 is paid into Cash. — Mint account read

The Accountant read the journal parcels for November. — & Journal Parcels.

M^r^. Macrae acquainting the board that he desired to take passage for Europe on the Craggs, an order to the Commander to accomodate & treat him with the respect due to his Character according to the Company's directions was read & signed. — An Order sign'd to receive M^r^. Macrae on board ship Craggs.

Captain Gosfright's request to land twelve hogsheads of aloes custom free, they being only to be cleaned was read & granted. — Goods landed Custom free.

Ordered that the Paymaster & Gunner go on board the Craggs to muster her men and take an account of her provisions & warlike stores. — Survey of ship Craggs Orderd.

Ensign D la Chaux having behav'd in a very heinous manner at Fort S^t^. David Ordered that he be sent for Europe on one of the ships now going. — Ensign D l Chaux sent home.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1730–31 —

Bills of Exchange granted.

Twelve sets of Bills of Exchange sign'd, drawn on the Hoñble Court of Directors of this date payable at two month's sight and eight shillings ℘ pagoda for the following sums receiv'd Viz^t.

	Pags.	fa.	ca.	£.	s.	d.
1, 2, 3 to Messrs. Alexander & George Ouchterlony or order. Value of M^r. Robert Douglas ..	500	—	—	200	—	—
1, 2, 3 to M^r. Richard Benyon or order. Value of George Morton Pitt Esqr...	1051	34	13	420	15	7
1, 2, 3 to M^rs. Elizabeth Higginson or order. Value of George Morton Pitt Esqr...	368	22	61	147	9	½
1, 2, 3 to M^r. John Crawford or order. Value of M^r. Robert Douglas ..	762	21	20	305	—	8½
1, 2, 3 to M^r. James Montgomery or order. Value of Capt. W^m. Montgomery ..	100	—	—	40	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the heir or heirs at law of John Packer deceased, or to his or their order. Value of Messrs. John Roach & George Torriano administrators to the said Estate	683	1	64	273	4	4¾
1, 2, 3 to Edward Harrison Esqr. or order. Value of Capt. John Powney ..	500	—	—	200	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the order of Messrs. Abraham & Jacob Franco. Value of M^r. George Torriano administrator to the Estate of Robert Gray deceased	2000	—	—	800	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the order of M^r. John Leeke. Value of George Torriano administrator to the Estate of the Rev^d. M^r. William Leeke deceased	150	—	—	60	—	—
1, 2, 3 to John Freeman Esqr. or order. Value of M^rs. Grace Cook attorney of Thomas Cooke	300	—	—	120	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the order of the Lady Hannah Kirwood. Value of M^r. Randal Fowke & Capt. John Powney Trustees to the Estate of Captain Geo: Heron deceased	452	20	56	181	—	7
1, 2, 3 to the order of M^r. Richard Hodgson for account of M^r. Anne Houghton. Value of Messrs. Nicholas Morse & Charles Peers administrators to the Estate of Joseph Houghton deceased	50	—	—	20	—	—
12 Twelve sets in all amounting to Pag^s. ..	6918	28	54	£ 2767	10	3¾

A General Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors read and approv'd.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic: Morse.

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To the Hoñble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S[t]. George &c[a]. Council.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

The Hoñble Court of Directors having ordered that I should have the Great Cabin of any of their ships I would chuse to take my passage on for my accomodation I desire Your Honour &c[a]. will permit me to go on board the Craggs, and give orders to the Captain accordingly.

I am

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Fort S[t]. George
14 January 1730.

Your most humble servant
James Macrae.

To the Hoñble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S[t]. George &c[a]. Council.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Having twelve Chests of Aloes on board which were shipp'd at Bengal and are intended for Europe but understanding they are not so clean as they ought to be I pray Your Honour's &c[a]. permission to land them for that purpose custom free. I am with all respect

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Fort S[t]. George
14 January 1730.

Your most humble servant
Richard Gosfright.

Ship Resolution Captn. Benjamin Capp & Ketch Fortune Luis Cyprian Estore proceeded in Company for Bengal. 15

Brigantine Nelly James Broadbrook Master saild for Bengal. 16

Receiv'd by Tappies a General Letter from Fort S[t]. David. —

Brigantine Robert under care of a syrang came in from Fort S[t]. David with Bales. 17

Receiv'd by Peons a General Letter from Ingeram. 18

Brig[ne]. John, John Parsons Master saild for Bengal.

At a Consultation

Present

Monday 18th.

George Morton Pitt Esq[r]. Governour President.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Storekeep[rs]. acco[t]. read.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper read his account for last Month ballance due from him four hundred twenty eight pagodas seventeen fanams & seventy Cash 428. 17. 70 which is carried forward.

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Ballance paid of the Rentroll &

Nicholas Morse Rentall General delivers in his account to the end of August 1729 ballance due from him one thousand and ninety six pagodas and twenty five fanams 1096. 25. — which he pays into Cash.

Scavingers Duty.

Nicholas Morse Scavinger also delivers in that account to Ultimo August 1729 ballance due one hundred fifty eight pagodas thirty two fanams & sixty Cash 158. 32. 60 which he pays into Cash ; Ordered that the two accounts be entered after Consultation.

General Letters read.

General Letters read Vizt.

From Fort St. David,

No. 6 From the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David of the 14 Instant, giving an account of the state of that settlement, revenues, buildings, accompanied with their General Books, Consultations &ca. for Great Britain.

Do.

No. 7 From Ditto of the 15 January enclosing their Cash account for December, Invoice & Bill of Lading for thirty one Bales ℘ Jenny Grab & the List of the French ship's Cargoes lately saild for Europe which last is entered after this Consultation.

and Ingeram

No. 8 From Mr. John Sanderson Resident at Ingeram of the 4 Instant inclosing invoice & Bill of Lading for thirty Bales of Calicoes by a boat which are order'd to be sent ashore immediately.

Survey of ship Craggs reported.

The Paymaster delivers the Muster roll of ship Craggs and the survey of her Guns, ammunition &ca.

A new Rent roll dd. in.

Mr. Morse Rental General & Scavinger delivers in the rent roll for the year 1730 amounting to three thousand seven hundred nineteen pagodas & twenty three fanams 3719. 23. — which was approv'd & signed.

Report of the Grain Committee.

The Committee appointed to see the markets supplied with grain, report that they have used their best Endeavours to supply the town and that there were but few days when grain was not sold in the Buzars for the relief of the poor.

A Dissent made to a Paragraph in the Genl. Letter.

The General Letter to the Court of Directors being fair copied was again read. Messrs. Hubbard, Peers & Morse deliver in a Dissent to the forty seventh paragh. relating to the restriction to be occasionally laid on private Persons trading to the detriment of the Community which the rest of the board having considered of make a replication to both which are entered after this Consultation.

Bills of Exchange Given.

First, Second & third Bill of Exchange on the Honble Court of Directors, of this Date signed, payable at two month's sight and eight shillings ℘ Pagoda to the order of Captain David Wilkie for value receiv'd of Mr. Matthew Empson £32. 6. 9¼. Pags. 80. 30. 40.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug : Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic : Morse.

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Nicholas Morse Rental General

[Dr.]						Cr.
July 31	To Ballance of the account outstanding delivered over then by Mr. Charles Peers ..	Ps. 1499 21 —	Sepr. 5	By Cash paid in Consultation ..		Ps. 380 — —
	To three Months Butteca rent & shroff duty farm'd out to Vencata Narran due Ult°. August	80 — —	Octor. 19	By Cash paid in Consn. Vizt.		
	To Six Months rent of the Company's Garden farmed out to Mahaudu payable 15 October	175 18 —		Three Months Butteca rent & Shroff duty ending August	Ps. 80 — —	
	To three Months Butteca rent & shroff duty farmed out to Vencata Narran ending Ult°. November.	80 — —		Account Quit rents	250 — —	330 — —
				By Charges for two Months ending August		7 8 —
				By Bad debts		21 6 —
			Janry. 18	By Cash pd. Vizt.		
				Six Months rent of the Company's Garden farmed to Mahaudu ..	Ps. 175 18 —	
				Three Months Butteca rent due Ult°. Novemr. ..	80 — —	
				Ballance of the Rental General Account ..	841 7 —	1096 25 —
	Pagodas	1835 3 —			Pagods.	1835 3 —

Errors Excepted
In Fort St. George Janry. 18, 1730.

℘ Nicolas Morse
Rental General.

Nicolas Morse Scavinger

Dr.						Cr.
July 31	To Ballance of the account outstanding then delivered over by Mr. Charles Peers	Ps. 442 27 —	Sepr. 5	By Cash paid in Consultation ..		Pags. 120 — —
			Octor. 19	By Do.		70 — —
				By Do. pd. sundry Charges Mending Carts, feeding Buffaloes &ca. two months ending August.	Ps. 64 34 20	
				Allowance to the Scavinger ..	20 — —	84 34 20
				By Bad debts		8 32 —
			Janry. 18	By Cash paid in Consultation the ballance of this account		158 32 60
					Pagods.	442 27 —

Errors Excepted
in Fort St. George Janry. 18th. 1730,

℘ Nicolas Morse
Scavinger.

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A list of the French ships Cargoes dispatch'd from Pondicherry for Europe January 1730.

			℔ Neptune	Lys	Total.	
Calicoes ..	..	Bales ..	1100	1200	2300	Bales.
Round pepper	..	Candys ..	400	600	1000	Candys.
Redwood ..	..	d°. ..	300	400	700	d°.
Saltpetre ..	..	Bags ..	500	500	1000	Bags.
Cowries ..	..	d°. ..	500	500	1000	d°.

Messieurs Hubbard, Peers & Morse have not assented to that part of the Letter which recommends the restraint to be made occasionally on the trade on this Coast and beg leave in discharge of their duty to say that in the general & unlimited manner as there mention'd they esteem it an affair of the utmost Consequence to a place where the Merchants belonging to it have been invited to & allow'd a free Liberty of trade ever since it's Establishment and they cannot but be of opinion that it is cheifly owing to this that this place has arriv'd to any figure at all and that the Hoñble Company's Revenues are so considerable By this scheme no Company's servant, Free Merchant or other Inhabitant can set on foot any Voyage or carry on any trade that may be thought to interfere with that carried on by subscription. All Subscriptions are voluntary & at the pleasure of the party & though it is pretty general now here from the Confidence they repose in the present management yet time & other measures may reduce them in future to a narrower Compass, when the person who may not judge it for his Interest to subscribe must suffer in his fortune by not being permitted to employ it in the manner he thinks best. The Free Merchant who is not in the Service of the persons who subscribe must continue on shore without an opportunity of advancing it and any other Inhabitant or person debarred the usual priviledge may be led to think of retiring (or instead of coming here, going) where he may pursue his designs with equal advantage to himself which this settlement may feel the bad Effects of as the French will with open arms receive any persons of substance and with concern they cannot but observe the rising Greatness of that Settlement of Pondicherry. Upon the whole they think this method of Restraint in it's Consequences does directly tend to bring the whole trade and business of the place whether by sea or land into a few hands which they conceive will greatly prejudice the Company's Revenues & the trade of this place. For all which reasons They have thought themselves obliged to differ in Opinion from the rest of the Board.

We the underwritten in replication to the dissent of Messieurs Hubbard, Peers & Morse to part of para 47 recommending a restraint to be laid occasionally on persons who shall set on foot Voyages to the prejudice of the general Interest of the place think it as much our duty to set forth the necessity of it lest the almost unhop'd for spirit with which all the principal Inhabitants except M^r^. Hubbard have shewn in the late subscriptions to restore the languid trade should want a support against such as would justify a separate Liberty tending to undermine the Interest of the publick which the annexed List of Names will demonstrate to Your Honours to deserve a more extensive Epithet than pretty General. These Gentlemen at the request of the President meeting immediately after the Change of that Government which was cry'd out upon for it's Monopoly, agreed upon the present Scheme of trade to which there could be no Cement or security without a restraint but that not to be laid on unless the Majority of the Joint concerned requested it of the Board who were then to consider the reasonableness of it and use it's Authority accordingly. This the dissenting Members would insinuate to be hurtfull in it's Consequences to the place though the inhabitants of it have it in their option whether they will complain or not, and it's strange to imagine they will do ought that may prejudice their freedom of trade except a well digested Regulation of their own agreing to can be called fatal to their own Interest. That the Revenues are come to the growth they are at present before this scheme was propos'd is very true but had it been thought of formerly and put in practice probably those Revenues had been more considerable by how much more extensive a trade carried on by the Collective Body is likely to be than the narrow

fortunes and Conceptions of a few can ever bring it to. Time and other measures (as urg'd) may indeed corrupt the best designs but if nothing is to be attempted but what is unalterably good the revenues must sink for want of Infallibility of those whose conduct the now happy reconciled Interest of the people which thô not consonant to a swarm of Supracargoes will always employ such free Merchants as belong to the settlement and do not intrude upon us without the Hon͠ble Company's permission and such of that body who have fortunes to stay ashore enjoy the same privileges in Commerce as the Governour himself which is a treatment at least as good as they will find in contributing to the rising Greatness of Pondicherry whose improvement is principally owing to this very regulation of restraining those who act more on selfish than publick Views an instance of which has happened but lately in a ship design'd for Mocha, and it had not been amiss before these Gentlemen had given this glaring example that their knowledge of that settlement had been more improv'd and their Concern would have been less. Wherefore we are of opinion the Jealousy conceiv'd by these Gentlemen that this restraint tends to bringing the whole trade and business of the place by sea and land into a few hands is groundless and that the Liberty they argue for must in a little time throw that power again into the power of one or a very few, for it cannot be thought if this regulation is set aside but those who bear the greatest sway will resume to themselves as much as they can of the trade and the offered equality degenerate again into a monopoly. We shall detain Your Honours no longer than to acquaint you that M^r^. Hubbard was one of the members of the board when M^r^. Elwick presided who once thought proper to restrain a ship bound to Manilha because it was prejudicial to the Commerce thô then the pulick were not so much affected by it as it would be now, and Your Honours approv'd of what was done in your Letter dated 1st December 1725 paragrã. 51 for all which reasons we think ourselves oblig'd to stand by our resolution till Your Honours pleasure is known.

George Morton Pitt.
Randal Fowke.
John Roach.
Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton.

A List of those persons who subscribed to the General Trade.

George Morton Pitt Esqr.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Major John Roach.
M^r^. Samuel Hyde.
M^r^. Augustus Burton.
M^r^. Charles Peers.
M^r^. Nicolas Morse.
M^r^. Thomas Weston.
M^r^. Luis de Medeiros.
M^r^. Rawson Hart.
M^r^. Nathaniel Turner.
Captain John Powney.
M^r^. William Monson.
M^r^. John Carvalho.
Coja Petrus.
Coja Parcedon.
M^r^. Hugh Naish.
Captn. Timothy Tullie.
Cap^tn^. William How.
Messrs. Abraham & Henry Salomons.
M^r^. Joseph Walsh.
Captn. James Berriman.
M^r^. John Stratton.
M^r^. Nathaniel Barlow.
Monsr. Pierre Bailieu.
M^r^. David Murray.
Suncadoss Sumbadoss.
M^r^. George Torriano.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 19TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDAL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

Permission of Passage granted to Capt. Hunter and Family.

Captain Hunter requesting Liberty for himself & family to go for England on the Craggs, it is granted.

Letter to St. Helena & Capts. dispatches sign'd.

A Letter to St. Helena of the 18th. Instant read & signed.

Captain Grantham's dispatches of this date read & signed.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I desire Your Honour &ca. will give the needfull orders for me, my wife & two Children to embark aboard the Craggs Captain Caleb Grantham for England.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient hum servant

FORT ST. GEORGE
19 JANUARY 1730.

JOHN HUNTER.

20

Brigne. Hopewell Edward Jones Master saild for Bengal.
Receiv'd by peons a General Letter from Tellicherry.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY THE 19TH. IN THE EVENING.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

Mr. Macrae permitted to carry of pagodas in Specie.

A Letter from James Macrae Esqr. acquainting that he could not invest his money in diamonds without a manifest Loss & Bills not being procureable he was oblig'd to carry it home in current pagodas Twenty five thousand of which he desires to lade on the Craggs and twenty five thousand more on the Fordwich. He also desir'd that the

freight & Custom may be left to the Company's determination, which is agreed to and a Letter being wrote to the Hon̄ble Court of Directors to advise thereof was read and signed.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic: Morse.

To the Hon̄ble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

I have to this time endeavoured to lay out my money in diamonds but they are so bad & dear that I am not able to invest all my money in them without a manifest Loss and as you are unwilling to give any Bills on the Company for it I am oblig'd to carry it home in Current pagodas of Madrass which I desire may be laden on board the Craggs & Fordwich twenty five thousand on each.

As for freight & Custom thereof I desire it may be left to the Company.

I am
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servant
James Macrae.

Fort S^t^. George
19 January 1730.

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Randal Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Wednesday 20th.

N°. 9 A General Letter from the Cheif & Council of Tellicherry of the 13th. December Enclosing a triplicate of theirs dated the 2^d^. Novem^r^. requesting a Supply of men which again they earnestly desire as their sickness continues and they think it impossible to be supplied from Bombay. Letter from Tellicherry read,

They also send a relation of a sea fight between the Bombay Cruizers and Angria's Grabbs off Colabbo the 25th. November last when the Bengal Galley was taken by the Enemy and the Commander of the other mortally wounded and abundance of his Men kill'd. giving an account of an Engagement between Our Galleys and Angrias.

The Mary & Cadogan not being arriv'd yet and it growing late in the year Ordered that the Fordwich be dispatch'd singly with the utmost Expedition. Dispatch of ship Fordwich Agreed upon.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic: Morse.

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21 Ship Craggs Caleb Grantham Commander saild for Europe having on board James Macrae Esqr. late President and carried a packet for the Honble Compy.

22 Jenny Grab came in from Fort S^t. David with bales.

23 Ship Nossa Sinhora de Conceptião arriv'd from Achin.

24 Jenny Grab return'd to Fort S^t. David.

25 Ship Fazarehemanee arriv'd from Pegue.

— Sloop Union arriv'd from Bengal, Joseph Lovell Master.

26 The King George Galley belonging to the Honble Compy. & commanded by Richard Boulton junior arriv'd from Canton in China, having passengers on board Messrs. John Stephenson & Samuel Harrison Supracargoes of ship Prince George from Bengal who was unfortunately wrecked on the China Coast, & M^r. Naish Supracargoe of ship Canton Merchant from Madrass who had lost her passage by the same bad weather. She brought a General Letter from the Council of Supracargoes there and some Gold and Teutanegue on the Company's account.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 26th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Randal Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

General Letter from China read.

N°. 10 a General Letter receiv'd ℘ King George Galley Captain Richard Boulton from James Naish Esqr. &c^a. Supracargoes at Canton dated 12 December read, enclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Gold and Teutanegue. They advise of a ship being there which they conclude certainly belongs to some persons in the Austrian Netherlands.

Gold and Tutenaigue to be brought on shore.

Ordered That the Gold & Teutanegue be immediately sent on shore, that the Gold be delivered to be coined into the new pagoda & the Teutanegue to be put up to Outcry to try the market.

Charges furnishing out the party sent to Tellechry. paid.

The Paymaster delivers in a Bill of Charges for supplying the party of Soldiers sent to Tellicherry amounting to four hundred & nine pagodas twenty fanams & twenty seven Cash 409. 20. 27 which is ordered to be paid.

a Letter from Tillecherry read.

The President communicates a Letter from M^r. Braddyll of the 28 December acquainting that a large French ship imported at Mahie the 26 Ditto having lost her Masts in the bay oblig'd her to put for the Malabar Coast & that in about twenty days he expects the Prince William & Lethieulier at Tellicherry to fill up for Europe.

Dispatch of ship Fordwich fixed.

Ordered that the Fordwich be dispatch'd on Saturday next.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug : Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic : Morse.

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BOMBAY PRESIDENCY Dr.

To 3 Serjeants Coats @ 7	Ps. 21 — —		
50 Coats & Caps for soldiers @ 3.6 ..	158 12 —		
Provisions at Fort St. David	149 4 27		
Arrack 2 Leagrs. @ 40	80 — —		
			408 16 27
Charges boat hire for soldiers & Arrack.			1 4 —
		Pagodas	409 20 27

FORT ST. GEORGE
JANUARY 1730.

JOHN ROACH
Paymaster.

Late in the Evening came in ship Mary from Bengal Commanded by Ebenezer Tompson, the former Commander Thomas Holden having died the day before She brought a General Letter from Bengal. 26

Brigne. Shevaram came in from Ingeram with Bales from Mr. Sanderson Resident there. 27

The Corpse of Captain Thomas Holden deceased was interr'd under the salute of Cannon from the Battery and all the Europe ships in the road. —

Brigne. Robert return'd to Fort St. David. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. THURSDAY 28.
RANDAL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

No. 11. A General Letter ⅌ ship Mary read from the President & Council of Bengal dated 26th. December, inclosing Invoices &ca. papers as ⅌ List of the packet, and advising that they hope to dispatch the Bridgewater & Duke of York for Europe in January. Letters read from Bengal and

No. 12. A General Letter read from the Resident at Ingeram dated the 12th. January inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for one hundred & three 103 Bales of Calicoes ⅌ Brigantine Shaveram. Ingeram.

The President acquaints the board that by private advices from Batavia, the Mountague saild thence the 14th. of July last for Bencoolen. Advice of Ship Mountagues departure from Battavia for Bencoolen.

ORDERED that the Paymaster & Gunner go on board the Fordwich to muster her men & survey her warlike stores.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

Ship Dolphin John Pearce Master arriv'd from Bengal. 29
Received by Tappies a General Letter from Fort St. David. —

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 29TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDAL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

General Letter from Fort St. David read.

No. 13. A General Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David of the 26 Instant was read advising that Captain Le Riviere had fled from Pondicherry and claimed their protection, but as yet he has not been demanded of them. They enclose an indent of stores wanting at Fort St. David and an account of the French ships Cargoes lately sailed from Pondicherry which consist of one thousand five hundred Bales of Bengal piece Goods and Eight hundred bales of Pondicherry Calicoes.

A supply of Stores to be sent thither.

ORDERED that the stores demanded be sent them the first opportunity.

Prices of cloths from the Northern Settlements fix'd.

The Cloth from Vizagapatam having been sorted & examined AGREED that the Long Cloth Ordinary No. 1 be receiv'd at thirty three 33 pagodas ₰ Corge, Salampores Ordinary No. 1 at fourteen pagodas and an half 14½ and the rest in proportion to these prices.

Money paid in for permission of passage.

The Secretary pays into Cash one hundred & four 104 Pagodas for passage Money for Captain Hunter, his Wife and two Children.

Land Customers ballce. pd.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash five hundred forty five pagodas, eight fanams & fifty three Cash 545. 8. 53 for the ballance of last Month's account.

Bills of Exchange granted.

Two sets of Bills of Exchange drawn on the Honble Court of Directors of this date on the usual terms, for the following receiv'd into Cash Vizt.

1. 2. 3 to the order of Mr. Thomas Weston Value of Thomas Weston Junr.	Pas. 500 — —	£ 200 — —
1. 2. 3 to the order of Mr. Gascon in Wattin street. Value of James Oliphant	300 — —	120 — —
	Pags. 800 — —	£ 320 — —

Tonnage for Europe to be compleated wth. Salt Petre.

The Bales likely to be procured this season, not being sufficient to load the Mary & Cadogan ORDERED that their Loadings be compleated with the Salt petre on hand.

A Discharge granted to a soldier

The Petition of Peter Blair one of the Military who had served his contracted time and desirous to go home was read and granted.

Salt Petre indented for.

ORDERED that five hundred bags of Salt petre be wrote for to the bay for the use of the place.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG : BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC : MORSE.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. SATURDAY 30.
RANDAL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

A General Letter of this date to the Honble Court of Directors was read & signed. *Letter to Europe sign'd and*

Captain Gosfrights dispatches of this date read & signed. *Capt^ts. dispatches.*

M^r. Harris at Fort S^t. David being one of the Commissioners appointed for taking the answers to the Company's Bill in Chancery desires leave to come hither to execute a part of that Commission, which is granted. M^r. Holland Goddard's request is also granted for leave to come up. *Messrs. Harris and Goddard permitted to come up from Fort S^t. Dad.*

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

Ship Fordwich Captain Richard Gosfright saild for G^t. Britain. FEBRUARY 1

Sloop Union Joseph Lovel Master sailed for Bengal, by whom sent a General Letter thither of yesterday's date. 2

Jenny Grab, came in from Fort S^t. David. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. THURSDAY 4
RANDAL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

ORDERED that the Paymaster be advancd two thousand five hundred 2500 Pagodas for defraying Charges of Garrison &c^a. *Money advanced Paym^r.*

The Ingeram Cloth having been examin'd AGREED that the Long Cloth ordinary and Salampores Ordinary be receiv'd at the same rates as those were from Vizagapatam, the Long Cloth Midling N°. 3 at thirty four 34 pagodas ℘ Corge and the others in proportion and the Izarees N°. 1 at thirty five 35 pagodas ℘ Corge. *Prices of Cloths from Ingeram fixed.*

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King George Galley all[d]. to stay here in order to make some alterations for her better defence.

A Letter from Captain Boulton Commander of the King George was read desiring to cut two port holes in his stern and to mount Swivel Guns on his Gunnels, the better to defend his Vessel in case he should be attack'd by Angria's Grabs which is granted, and ORDERED that the Storekeeper supply him with Guns & what Stores the Captain shall have occasion for and that he be dispatch'd with all Expedition.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

TO GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT &C[A]. COUNCIL.
GENTLEMEN

I am inform'd Angria's Grabbs have taken one of the Honble Company's Galleys & very much disabled a second by taking the advantage of attacking & boarding them astern, where they can bring no Guns to defend them, upon which I have consulted my officers on board and find that in five or six days if you think proper that we stay so long we can cut two ports for Guns will carry a three pound shot, and mount our swivel Guns on our Gunnels, and prepare ourselves with necessaries to defend against being attacked in the like manner.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient hum̃ serv[t].
RICHARD BOULTON.

KING GEORGE GALLEY
FEBRUARY 3[D]. 1730.

4 Brig[ne]. Shevaram return'd to Ingeram & carried a supply of Stores and a General Letter dated the 1 Instant to M[r]. Sanderson Resident there. Also a General Letter to Vizagapatam of this date.

— Sent by Tappies a General Letter to Fort S[t]. David.

7 Ship Margaret Anne Captain John Hunt arriv'd from Vizagapatam with some bales & a General Letter dated 13 January.

9 Ship Southgate Captain John Horder arriv'd from Bengal.

— Receiv'd by Tappies a General Letter from Fort S[t]. David.

— Receiv'd by a Country boat a General Letter from Ingeram dated 16 January.

— Ship Nossa Senhora de Conceptião sail'd for Porto Novo.

AT A CONSULTATION
Present

WEDNESDAY 10TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R]. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDAL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Land Customers acco[t]. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer read his account for last month Viz[t].

Choultry Customs	Pag[s].	488	15	65
Ruby Brokerage on P[s]. 188		4	25	16
Registring seven slaves		1	20	—
	Pag[s].	494	25	1

ball[a]. due from him four hundred Eighty one pagodas thirty five fanams & one Cash 481. 35. 1 which is carried forward.

Imp[t]. Warehouse acco[t]. read.

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper read that account for last month Ballance due from him three hundred sixty three pagodas four fanams & seventy two Cash 363. 4. 72 which he pays into Cash.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1730-31——

The Storekeeper acquainting that there are no Guns in the Storehouse of proper size for the King George Galley ORDERED that he purchase two of eight 8 hundred weight each.

Guns purchased for ye. King George Galley.

Mr. Burton former Sheriff pays into Cash One hundred eighty one pagodas twenty fanams & thirty two Cash on account of Forfeitures Vizt.

Fines paid in.

Nine fines for Nonappearance of Jury men	Ps.	42	27	—
The Nett proceeds of Ursula Maclain's Effects		138	29	32
	Pags.	181	20	32

Captain Boulton requesting to be advanc'd two hundred 200 pagodas for defraying some expences on the King George Galley, It is granted.

Commr. of King George Galley advanced money.

Captain Boulton's petition to reship Custom free some goods landed by the mistake of his officers which were intended for Bombay, was read and Granted.

Goods reshipped Custom free

ORDERED that the Mary be dispatch'd on Saturday next.

Dispatch of ship Mary fixed.

ORDERED that the Europe Copper be put up to outcry with the Tutenague on Monday next to try the Market.

Copper & Tutanague to be putt up to outcry.

General Letters read Vizt.

Letters read,

No. 14 From the Provisional Cheif and Council at Vizagapatam of the 13th. Ultimo, enclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for forty two Bales ℔ Margaret Anne and their Paymaster's accounts for the month of December.

from Vizagapatam,

No. 15 From the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David of the 7 Instant inclosing Bill of Lading for twenty five Bales.

from Fort St. David

No. 16 From the Resident at Ingeram of the 16th. Ultimo, advising that it is reported Subbana's people are put to flight by Haji Hussain.

& Ingeram.

The President & Council at Bengal having in their last Letter advised us Captain Holden delivered them seventeen Casks of shot short of their Invoice which we find upon examination were sent ashore here by his Officers by mistake and Storekeeper now acknowledges the receipt of them.

Shot dd. on shore here from ship Mary.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

TO GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. &CA. COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

My officers by mistake have sent ashore some Goods design'd for Bombay, therefore beg the favour you'l permit me to send them on board again and excuse me paying the duties of the port for them and you'l add to the obligation of

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Humble Servant,
RICHARD BOULTON.

KING GEORGE GALLEY
FEBRUARY 10, 1730.

King George Galley Capta. Richd. Boulton belonging to the Honble Company sailed for Bombay and carried a General Letter to that Presidency of yesterday's date. 12
Jenny Grab, Robert Reay Master, sailed for Bengal.

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At a Consultation

Present

Saturday 13.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Randal Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Export Wareho. accot. read.

Randall Fowke Export Warehousekeeper read his account for last month ballance due to him four hundred twenty four pagodas twenty two fanams & fifty nine Cash 424. 22. 59 which is now paid him.

Sea Customers accot. read.

Randal Fowke Sea Customer read that account for last month Viz^t.

Custom on goods imported	P^s.	1849	11	60
d^o. on Grain		1301	4	12
Anchorage		20	18	—
	Pag^s.	3170	33	72

ballance due from him three thousand one hundred thirty eight pagodas twenty fanams & seventy two Cash 3138. 20. 72 which is carried forward.

Cash accot. read.

The President read the account of the Honble Company's Cash for last Month ballance remaining one hundred Eight thousand & fifty three pagodas, ten fanams & twenty three Cash which is carried to next Month's account.

Monthly rent paid in of the Beetle farm & Arrack licence.

Poncala Kistna Farmer of the Arrack & Wine Licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five 335 pagodas for one Month's rent due the 5th. Instant.

Poncala Kistna & Ram Chundra Farmers of the betle & Tobacco Farm pay into Cash eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12.— for one Month's rent due the 5th. Instant.

Bills of Exchange granted.

Ten sets of bills of Exchange drawn on the Honble Court of Directors on the usual terms were read & signed Viz^t.

1, 2, 3 to the order of Duncan Munro Executor to the Estate of William Gordon Value of David Murray ..	P^s. 516	29	—	£ 206	14	5¼
1, 2, 3 to the order of John Green Esqr. value of Nicolas Morse	500	—	—	200	—	—
1, 2, 3 To the order of Sir Charles Peers value of M^r. Charles Peers	1000	—	—	400	—	—
1, 2, 3 To the Order of Richard Wiat Esqr. Value of M^rs. Cornelia Horden ..	200	—	—	80	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the order of Messrs. Ralph & Edward Radcliffe value of M^r. Samuel Parkes account of the Estate of Captain Roger Laye	1000	—	—	400	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the order of M^r. John Knight value of George Morton Pitt Esqr. acco^t. of M^r. Jonathan Newton's Estate ..	2861	2	53	1144	8	7
1, 2, 3 To the order of Captain John Walsh value of M^r. Joseph Walsh ..	350	—	—	140	—	—
1, 2, 3 to the order of Messrs. Abraham & Jacob Franco value of M^r. George Torriano account the Estate of M^r. Robert Gray	168	29	11	67	10	5¾
1, 2, 3 to the order of M^r. Benjamin Rosewell value of Messrs. Charles Peers & Nicolas Morse Trustees to the Estate of M^r. Edward Rosewell	263	4	28	105	4	11¾
1, 2, 3 to the order of M^rs. Mary Oadham value of John Bulkeley	286	17	2	114	11	9½
10 Ten sets of Bills value Pag^s.	7146	10	14	2858	10	3¼

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The Mintmaster delivers in an account Coinage of the one hundred bars of Gold from China Pze. one thousand one hundred eighty Ounces & eight penny weight 1180. 8. — producing charges included, new pagodas Eleven thousand seven hundred twenty four, eighteen fanams & ten Cash 11724. 18. 10, which is Ordered to be entered after Consultation. Produce of China Gold reported.

A General Letter of this date to the Honble Court of Directors was read & signed and the Captain of the Mary's sailing orders of this date was read and signed. General Letter to the Court of Directors sign'd.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

ACCOUNT COINAGE of Gold coined for the Honble East India Company into New pagodas of the Weight & Fineness of Negapatam Vizt. Touch $85\frac{3}{4}$ Pze. ℔ mill 110 ozs. Troy.

		Ozs.	dwt.	grs.		
Bars 100. 1180. 8. Touch 95 Better $10\frac{3}{4}$ Paga. Mat.		1307	5	21	Pags.	11884 17 50
Coinage $6\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ Mill	Pas.	77	8	70		
Alloy silver 101. 10. 7 @ 14 .. (oz.)		82	11	30		
Alloy Copper 25. 7. 14		—	15	20		
						159 35 40
					Pagos.	11724 18 10

Ship Margarett Ann Capt. John Hunt saild for the Malabar Coast. 15
Ship Mary Capt. Ebenezer Thompson saild for England by whom sent a Packet to the Hon'ble. Compy. —
Ship Latchmipersat Peter Loriel came in from Ballasore. 16
Sloop Ramah came in From Fort St. David. 17
Brigantine Latchmipersat came in From Ballasore. —
Sent by Tappys a General Letter to Fort St. David. 18
Receivd by Peons a General Letter from Vizagapatam. —
Ship St. Jno. Bartholemew Barker arrived from Bengall. —
Ship Mahamod Bux arrived from Ballasore. 20
Sloop Ramah returnd to Fort St. David. 23
Ship Veatigresh Verdoo came in From Ingeram. 24

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. THURSDAY YE. 25TH.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON
NICHOLAS MORSE.

John Roach Paymaster read that account for the last Month Vizt. Paymasters acct. read.

Charges Garrison	Ps.	1237 16 60
Charges Cattle		66 24 —
Charges Hospital		42 25 —
Charges General		436 15 28
Bombay Presidency		434 20 27
Fort Marlbrough		10 — —
Charges Extraordinary		2 15 —
Charges diet		583 12 —
Repairs of Fortifications		163 24 60
	Pagos.	2977 9 15

ballance due to him four hundred seventy seven pagodas Nine fanams & fifteen Cash 477. 9. 15 which is ORDERED to be paid.

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The Extraordinary Expence reported.

The Extraordinary Expences in that account arise from the following particulars Vizt.

Bombay Presidency.			
Serjeants Coats 3	Pas. 21 — —		
50 Coats & Caps for Soldiers ..	158 12 —		
		179 12. —	
Provisions for the soldiers at Fort St. David		149 4 27	
Arrack 2 Leaguers		80 — —	
Mussoola boats 6	— 30 —		
Cooley hire	— 10 —	1 4 —	
			409 20 27
Allowance Money to widow Burton & her Children			25 — —
			434 20 27
Fort Marlbrough.			
Allowance Money to Raja Ooaloodean & Servants			10 — —
Charges Extraordinary.			
Christening a Soldier's Child paid ye. father		1 — —	
Paymastrs. going twice on bd. the Europe ships		1 — —	
Paid 3 Boats hire for the Gunner, Mr. Empson & Mr. De la Chaux going on board the Europe ships ..		— 15 —	
			2 15 —
		Pagos.	446 35 27

Land Customers ballce. pd.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash four hundred eighty one pagodas thirty five fanams & one Cash 481. 35. 1 being the ballance of that account for the last Month.

Storekeeprs. accot. read.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper read that account for the last Month ballance due from him Five hundred & six pagodas twenty four fanams & sixty one Cash 506. 24. 61 which is carried forward.

Candles bought.

And representing that there are wanting some Candles for the usual allowances Ordered that he purchase eight Maunds at four pagodas ℘ Maund.

Wax to be sent to the Bay.

Ordered that the wax remaining in the storehouse be sent to the Bay in order to be made up into Candles, the people there understanding that Business better than any here.

A fine paid in.

Mr. Burton former Sheriff pays in four pagodas, twenty seven fanams 4. 27. — for a fine on Non appearance of a Juryman.

Repairs to the Garden house Orderd.

The Paymaster acquainting that great part of the Garden Wall fell down in the late bad weather and that several other parts want repairing, Ordered that he set about the same.

Letter from Vizagapm.

No. 17. A General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 1st. instant read enclosing their Paymaster's accounts for the Months of October, November and December last.

Mint Accot. Read.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. read the Mint Account Current for last Month ballance of Rupees remaining three thousand eight hundred & two and five anaes 3802. 5. and of Pagodas fifty four & nine fanams 54. 9. — which is paid into Cash.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Morse.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1730-31* —

Receivd by Tappies a General Letter from Fort S^t^. David. 1st
Receiv'd by Peons, General Letters from Vizagapatam & Ingeram. 4
Ship Cadogan Capt. James Sanders arrived from Bengall & Bro^t^. a General Letter from that Presidency. 5
Sloop Ramah came in From Fort S^t^. David. 7
Ship Peterahemanee belonging to the King of Pegue arrived from thence. 8

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour & President. — Monday y^e^. 8th.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper pays into Cash three thousand 3000 Pagodas account of Broad Cloth sold. — Money p^d^. in by the Import Warehousek^r^.

General Letters read Viz^t^. — General Letters read from Bengal,

N°. 18 From the President & Council of Bengal dated 26th. December desiring the money lodged in the Cash here on account the Wreck of the Margaret Brigantine may be sent down to them by the first Conveyance.

N°. 19 From the Council at Vizagapatam dated the 15th. February. — Vizagapatam,

N°. 20 From the Resident at Ingeram dated the 20th. February advising the arrival of the stores sent him. — Ingeram &

N°. 21 From the Council of Fort S^t^. David dated 28th. Ultimo advising the Deputy Governour's setting out for this place. — Fort S^t^. David,

The President communicates to the Board a Letter from the Cheif & Council at Tellicherry directed to him dated 4th. February advising the arrival of the detachment of Men sent them by ship Elizabeth : That they intended to dispatch ships Lethieullier & Prince William for Europe within two days after and that Angria continues cruising and has lately very briskly attack'd a large Dutch ship and a Portuguese Man of Warr. — Tellicherry &

A Letter to the Governour & Council of Negapatam of this date was read & signed advising such particulars concerning the Ostend Ship that have come to our Notice. — Nagapatam.

Ordered That the Storekeeper send down on the Rama Sloop to Fort S^t^. David. — Stores sent to Fort S^t^. David.

Country Powder	four Candy
Europe Powder	one Candy
Pistol Powder	Two barrels.

The Cadogan being arriv'd from Bengal Captain Sanders was called in and questioned by what time he could get the ship in a readiness to sail for Europe who answers in a Month or less and the board then entered into a debate whether it was most reasonable to dispatch her at this season of the year or detain her till the Months of July or August next, on which point having duely considered and weigh'd the orders received from the Honble Company in the following Paragraphs of their Letters Viz^t^. — Dispatch of ship Cadogan for Europe Resolved.

1714 Octo^r^. 27 ℣ Kent	Para 28
1715 Feb^ry^. 15 ℣ Prince Frederick	15
1716 Jan^ry^. 25 ℣ Duke of Cambridge	13

The Board are entirely of opinion that it is the Honble Company's Intention that their ships shall endeavour to get a passage round the Cape thô it be so late before they can be dispatch'd from hence.

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Therefore it is ORDERED that the Cadogan be loaded directly for England and that the Commander be made acquainted with this resolution.

Packing Stuff Orderd on shoar.

ORDERED that the packing stuff sent us by the Cadogan from Bengal be brought on shoar.

Money advanced Paymr.

The Paymaster wanting money to defray Charges Garrison, two thousand five hundred 2500 Pagodas, are advanc'd him.

G. M PITT.
ROBT. SYMONDS.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

8TH. Sent by Tappies a General letter to Nagapatam.

— Brigantine Robt. John Walton Master came in from Fort St. David &

9 Saild for Achin

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY YE. 10TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

A letter to the Board from Commr. of Ship Cadogan & Resolutions thereupon.

A Letter from Captain Sanders of the 9th. was read, requesting the advice and opinion of the Board how to proceed, whether directly for the Cape of Goodhope or to some other port for security, it being so late in the season, Which the Board having considered of, are agreed that no other advice can be given him than to pursue his orders as far as possible and if he finds it impracticable to get about the Cape to use the best means for the preservation of his ship & Cargo according to the Circumstances he shall find himself in, of which he will then be the best Judge.

G. M. PITT.
ROBT. SYMONDS.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having yesterday receiv'd Notice from Mr. Walsh your Secretary of your Resolution taken forthwith to Compleat Ship Cadogan's Lading and dispatch her for Great Britain notwithstanding the late Season of the year I thought proper to acquaint Your Honour &ct. that nothing shall be wanting on my part to get in readiness as soon as possible, and at the same time to desire your advice and opinion

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whether I shall proceed directly for the Cape of Good Hope (which hitherto has been thought improper at such a time of the year) or what Port or Place I may put for where the Hoñble Company's ship with such a valuable Cargo, may lay with the best security till the return of the season for going about the Cape of Good Hope.

I am with the Greatest Respect
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient servant
JAMES SANDERS.

Receivd by Peons a General Letter from Ingeram. 11TH.
Ship Veagresh Verdoo saild for Ingeram. 19TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. SATURDAY 20TH.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

The Export Warehousekeeper's account for last Month was read ballance due to him One hundred seventeen pagodas seventeen fanams & twenty four Cash 117. 17. 24 which is ordered to be paid. Export Warehouse-keepers account read.

John Roach Paymaster read that account for last Month Vizt. Paymasters accot. read,

Charges Garrison	Pags.	1231	24	50
Charges Cattle		66	24	—
Charges Hospital		41	27	—
Charges General		440	16	45
Charges Extraordinary		1	33	15
Fort Marlborough		10	—	—
New Powder House		21	18	—
Bombay Presidency		25	—	—
Charges diet		583	12	—
Repairs of Fortification		122	2	15
	Pags.	2544	13	45

& ballance due to him forty four pagodas thirteen fanams & forty five Cash which is ORDERED to be paid.

The Extraordinary Expence in this account arises from the following particulars Vizt. the Extraordinary expence reported.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.						
The Marshal's Note for diet	Pags. —	24	—			
dieting 4 soldiers	—	22	16			
Boathire for Paymr. & Gunner	—	23	—			
				1	33	15 [*sic*]
FORT MARLBROUGH.						
Allowance to Raja Oaloodean & Servts.				10	—	—
NEW POWDER HOUSE.						
A Brass pad lock, barr, screws &ct.				21	18	—
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.						
Allowance to the Widow Burton & Children				25	—	—
			Pags.	58	15	15

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Land Customrs. accot. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer read that account for the last Month Vizt.

Choultry Customs	Pags. 375	10	3
Ruby Brokerage on Ps. 871 9 —	21	28	10
Registring 3 slaves	—	24	—
	397	26	13

Ballance due from him three hundred eighty five pagodas & thirteen Cash 385. —. 13 which is carried forward.

Import Warehouse-krs. account read.

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeepr. read that account for last Month ballance due from him three thousand & ninety four Pagodas twenty nine fanams & ten Cash 3094. 29. 10 of which he paid three thousand 3000 Pagodas the 8th. instt. and now pays the remainder Ninety four Pagodas twenty nine fanams & ten Cash 94. 29. 10.

Storekeepers account.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper read that account for last Month ballance due from him six hundred & Eleven pagodas twenty five fanams & forty eight Cash 611. 25. 48 which is carried forward.

Cash account.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. read the Cash account for the last Month ballance remaining one hundred thirteen thousand seven hundred Ninety seven pagodas fifteen fanams & sixty eight Cash. 113797. 15. 68.

Letter from Ingeram read.

No. 22. A General Letter from the Resident at Ingeram dated 26 Ultimo read, requesting one thousand 1000 Pagodas worth of Rupees may be sent him which is agreed to.

Monthly Rent paid of the Beetle Farm & Arack licence.

Poncala Kistna & Rama Chundra Farmers of Betle & Tobacco pay into Cash Eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one Month's rent of that farm due the 5th. Instant.

Poncala Kistna Farmer of the arrack & Wine Licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five 335 Pagodas for one Month's rent of that Farm due the 5th. instant.

Coffee purchased to fill up the ship Cadogans Tonnage.

The Export Warehousekeeper being indisposed sends an account of ship Cadogan's Tonnage including the Saltpetre and all the Bales he can possibly provide by which it appears there will be wanting to compleat her loading Eighteen Tons Eighteen hundred [weights] & two quarters 18. 18. 2 And the President having about forty 40 Candy of Coffee which he tenders to sale at the rate it cost him being forty three 43 Pagodas ₱ Candy, the Board in consideration of the unhappy accident to the Barrington, the low price of the Coffee and to prevent this Ship's going home dead freighted, are of opinion it is very much for the Company's advantage to accept the President's offer, wherefore AGREED that the said Coffee be purchas'd and also another parcel of Mr. Rous at the same rate to compleat the Tonnage.

G. M. PITT.
ROBT. SYMONDS.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.
NIC: MORSE.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1730-31* ——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. WEDNESDAY 24TH.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.

The petition of Mr. Rust Surgeon of the Cadogan was read setting forth that having the disorder in his Liver, he had been advis'd to enter into a Mercurial Course which will prevent his going on board the ship with safety and therefore prays (as he had already the consent of the Commander) that the board will permit him to stay here, which, considering his dangerous Condition he is permitted to do, till Opportunity offers for his return to Europe. Mr. Rust permitted to stay here for recovery of his health.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer read his account for last Month Vizt. Sea Customers accot. read.

Custom on Goods imported .. .. Pags.	2505	27	4
Do. on Grain	1071	10	32
Anchorage	63	18	—
	3640	19	36

Ballance due from him Six thousand Seven hundred & forty seven Pagodas & twenty eight Cash 6747. — 28 of which he pays three thousand, 3000 Pagodas.

The Accountant read the Journal parcels for the Month of January. Journal parcels read.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. read the Mint account Current for last Month Ballance of Rupees three thousand eight hundred & two & five anaes 3802. 5 which is carried forward and the ballance of Pagodas being two hundred forty two twenty six fanams & fifty Cash 242. 26. 50 is paid into Cash. Mint account read.

The President acquaints the board that being inform'd about Six Candy of Coffee was wet in carrying off which Captain Saunders refus'd to receive & to prevent any delays thereby he immediately ordered six Candy more to be purchas'd & sent off which is approv'd of, and the Warehousekeeper acquainting that the said Coffee had been unpack'd & examin'd and that only about ten pound prov'd to be demag'd, ORDERED that the remainder be repack'd & sent to England on this ship thô it exceeds the Charter party Tonnage. More Coffee sent on Board the Cadogan.

A General Letter to the Hoñoble Court of Directors of this date read & signed. Generall Letter to the Co. signd & Capts. dispatches.

Captain Sanders's dispatches of this date read & signed.

The Land Customer pays into Cash three hundred eighty five Pagodas & thirteen Cash 385. — 13 Ballance of his accot. for last month. Money paid in by the Land Customer.

G. M. PITT.
ROBT. SYMONDS.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
CHARLES PEERS.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HOÑBLE SIR &CA.

I am unhappily indispos'd with the disorder in my Liver, a distemper which I understand is frequent & sometimes fatal in this place. I have been advis'd for the recovery of my health to enter into a Mercurial Course, which will prevent my going on board our ship the Cadogan, with safety.

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I therefore humbly desire Your Honour's &c^{a}. consent to my staying ashoar for the recovery of my health. I have Captain Sanders's consent & Your Honour's &c^{a}. will be gratefully acknowledg'd by

GENTLEMEN

Your most Oblig'd & most Obedient

humble servant

JOHN RUST.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

MARCH 25TH. 1731.

25. Sloop Ramah returnd to Fort S^{t}. David.

— Ship Cadogan Capt. James Sanders Saild for England by whom sent a pacquet to the Honble. Court of Directors.

— Receiv'd by peons a Generall Letter from Ingeram.

27. Brigantine Dolphin John Peirce Master sail'd for Cambodia.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 1.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQ^{R}.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

Account salary paid. — The Accountant delivers in an account salary due to the covenanted Servants the 25th. Ultimo amounting to one thousand five hundred forty one pagodas four fanams 1541. 4. — which is ordered to be paid.

Money advanced the Paym^{r}. — The Paymaster requesting Cash to defray Garrison &c^{a}. charges ORDERED that he be advanced two thousand five hundred Pagodas, 2500.

Letter from Ingeram read. — N°. 23. A General Letter from the Resident of Ingeram dated the 12 March, complaining of some Insults from one Sagee the Renter of Dackram &c^{a}. Villages.

A protest deliverd by Comm^{r}. of ship Cadogan. — A protest from Captain Sanders Comm^{r}. of Ship Cadogan was read & ordered to be entered.

Import Warehousek^{r}. pays in mo^{y}. — Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper pays into Cash five thousand 5,000 Pagodas account of Broad cloth.

A new Ensign appointed. — ORDER'D That an Ensign's Commission be given to Serjeant John Stuart in the room of Philip D'Acarte deceasd.

Money advanced for purchase of Coffee. — ORDER'D That the Export Warehousekeeper be advanc'd three thousand five hundred 3500 Pagodas for purchasing Coffee.

G. M. PITT.
ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG : BURTON.
[*Lacuna*].
NIC : MORSE.

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To the Hoñble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Whereas Humphry Morrice Esqr. & Richard Diamond of London Merchant Part Owners of the ship Cadogan & James Sanders of London Mariner Master of the said ship did by a Charter party bearing date the 5th. day of September 1728 let to freight to the Hoñble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies the said ship for a Voyage to be perform'd according to the Covenants mention'd in the said Charterparty, and whereas in the Months of November & December 1730 a Cargo was laden on board the said ship at Bengal on accot. of the said Hoñble Company & the Master receiv'd sailing orders from the Hoñble President & Council of Fort William bearing date the 26 December 1730 to proceed to the port of Fort St. George where by unavoidable accidents of the seas the said ship did not arrive till the 5th. of March 1730–1 and by that means the time limited for her dispatch for Europe according to Charter party being expired & the Monsoon lost the ship is by such detention made liable to many hazards of receiving damage in her hull, Masts, Yards, Rigging & other Tackle & ffurniture as also in her Lading & Cargo, so as (which God forbid) may be the cause of the entire Loss of the said ship I therefore am oblig'd & do hereby in the name & on behalf of Humphry Morrice Esqr. & Richard Diamond & the rest of the owners of the said ship also in my own name make protest against the Hoñble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies as also against the Hoñble John Deane Esqr. President &ct. Council for affairs oft he said Company at Fort William in Bengal & likewise against the Hoñble George Morton Pitt Esqr. President &ct. Council for affairs of the said Company at Fort St. George for all damages the said ship may receive in her Hull, Masts, Yards, Riggin[g] Boats or other tackle & furniture as also in her Lading & Cargo & that they satisfy & make good all Freight, demorage & Earnings which is now due & whatever other Losses the Owners may suffer by the detention of the said Ship beyond the time limited by agreement in Charterparty dated in Fort St. George the 23d. March 1730–1.

Witness James Sanders.

Joseph Phillips.

Account Salary due to the Hoñble Company's Covenanted Servants from the 25th. September 1730 to the 25th. of March 1731 is Six Months Vizt.

The Hoñble Geo: Mortn. Pitt Esqr. Prest. & Govr.	£200 ⅌ an.	100 – –		
Ditto Gratuity	100	50 – –		
		———	150 – –	333 12 –
Randal Fowke Esqr. Second of Council	100	..	50 – –	111 4 –
John Roach Esqr. Third	70	..	35 – –	77 28 –
James Hubbard Esqr. fourth	50	..	25 – –	55 20 –
Samuel Hyde Esqr. fifth	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. Augustus Burton Sixth	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. Charles Peers, seventh	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. Nicolas Morse Eighth	40		20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. George Torriano Senior Merchant	40	20 – –		
Do. reading Divine Service	50	25 – –		
		———	45 – –	100 – –
Mr. Paul Foxley Senior Merchant	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. John Graham Do.	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. Matthew Empson Do.	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. Ralph Mansell Do.	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. Joseph Walsh Do.	40	20 – –		
Do. Gratuity as Secretary	10	5 – –		
		———	25 – –	55 20 –

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Mr. William Monson Senior Merchant ..	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. John Stratton Do. ..	40	..	20 – –	44 16 –
Mr. John Bulkeley Junior Merchant ..	30	15 – –	..	..
Do. Reading Divine Service ..	50	25 – –	..	..
			40 – –	88 32 –
Mr. Samuel Parkes Junior Merchant ..	30	..	15 – –	33 12 –
Mr. Thomas Weston Do. & Assay Master.	80	..	40 – –	88 32 –
Mr. George Wentworth Factor	15	..	7 10 –	16 24 –
Mr. Wood Smart Do.	15	..	7 10 –	16 24 –
Mr. William Johnson Writer	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. John Savage .. Do.	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. William Martin Do.	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. Robert Allen Do.	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. Edward Fowke Do.	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. Charles Floyer Do.	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. Thomas Appelby Do.	5	..	2 10 –	5 20 –
Mr. Nathaniel Barlow Surgeon	36	..	18 – –	40 – –
Mr. Robert Douglas Do.	36	..	18 – –	40 – –
			£ 693 10 –	Ps. 1541 4 –

ERRORS EXCEPTED

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH THE 25TH. 1731.

JAMES HUBBARD
Accountant.

1 Brigantine Hopewell Edward Johes, Master arrived from Bengall and Brot. a General Letter for that Presidency.

3 Receiv'd by Peons a General Letter from Ingeram.

— Ship Bon Voyage commanded by Coja Simone arrived from Pegue and Brot. a General Letter from the Resident there.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 5TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

Land Customers acct. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer read his account for last Month Vizt.

Choultry Customs	Ps. 508	31	25
Ruby Brokerage on Ps. 486. 13. 40	12	5	59
Registring 12 Slaves	2	24	—
	523	25	4

Ballance due from him five hundred & ten Pagodas thirty five fanams & four Cash 510. 35. 4 which is carried forward.

Letter from Pegue read.

No. 24. A General Letter read from Captain Berriman Resident at Pegu dated the 28th. February inclosing Invoice and bill of Lading for two Long boats frames & seventy three plank, also a List of Necessaries for the sloop he is building, which the storekeeper is ORDER'D to provide.

Letter from Ingeram & Bengall.

No. 25. A General Letter from Mr. Sanderson of the 19 March read advising the differences with Sagee the Renter of Dacherum were accomodated.

No. 26. General Letter from the President & Council of Bengall read inclosing Invoices of five hundred bags of saltpetre on the two Brigantines Hopewell & John.

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Also an Invoice of Goods laden by Cuntoo the Cossimbuzar broker on the Neptune Brigantine lately lost on this Coast, and as they hear the Goods are all saved desire us to demand those on the above Invoice & dispose of them.

Messrs. Hubbard & Peers being Attorneys for the Owners and having had the sole direction of that affair, They are desired to give in a representation of what goods were saved & the condition of them.

An account orderd to be deliverd in of the Salvage of Brigantine Neptune.

The President acquaints the board y^t^. he is advis'd the Ostend ship that was at Merga went lately to Pondicherry but was deny'd the liberty of that Port whence she went to Trincumbar & obtain'd protection from the Danes, where she continues in order to procure a Cargo for Europe, wherefore he proposes that the prohibition hereafter entered be publish'd in all languages to prevent all Commerce or Correspondence directly or indirectly with the Ostenders or any concern'd with them which is unanimously agreed to.

A prohibiton Orderd of all Commerce and Correspondence with an Ostend ship lying at Tranquebarr.

A List of demand of nine Bales of Broad cloth with Medicines & stores for the use of Vizagapata. was deliver'd in and ordered to be comply'd with.

Stores &c^a^. Orderd for Vizagapatam.

Rice & paddy being now as cheap as they probably will be this year Order'd that the Export Warehousekeeper purchase three hundred Garce.

Rice for the Garrison Orderd to be purchased.

G. M. Pitt.
Rob^r^. Symonds.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic: Morse.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^t^. Council To all whom these Presents may come Greeting.

Whereas there is lately arriv'd on this Coast a Ship carrying the Colours of the Emperour of Germany & is now riding in the port of Trinquembar endeavouring to procure a Cargo for Europe which being contrary to the Interest of the Hon̄ble the English East India Company and to the Treaties in force between the respective Nations,

This is therefore to give publick Notice that whatever Inhabitant of this place shall aid or assist the said ship in any manner of way directly or indirectly either by himself or by his servants or Correspondents his Estate shall be confiscated to the Use of the Hon̄ble Company & himself expell'd the bounds, and further all Merchants or others that have any Effects or Servants at Trinquembar, immediately are required to withdraw them under pain of incurring the penalties abovementioned. And to the end that none may pretend Ignorance, The Hon̄ble the President & Council of this place have order'd this declaration to be translated into all the languages & hung up at the Choultry & Sea Gate of which publick Notice is likewise given by the beating of the Tom tom.

By Order of the Hon̄ble the Pres^t^. & Council.

Sent by Peons General Letters to Fort S^t^. David & Ingeram. 6
Ship Pattaganjavar arrived from Ternaseree. 7
Ship Tillesinga arrived from Junk Ceylone. 8
Ship George belonging to the Honble. Company Capt. John Pye arrived from the West Coast and Bro^t^. General Letters from Fort Marlbrô and Mocomoco a letter to this Presidency from S^t^. Helena was also forwarded on her and Messrs. Charles Gee and Joseph Goddard came over Passengers. 9
Brigantine Moreton Henry Cleave and ship Reheim arrived from Tarnasseree. 10

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At a Consultation

Present

Saturday 10th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicholas Morse.

Import Warehouse-keeprs. account read.

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeepr. read his account for last Month Ballance due from him Five thousand one hundred & seventeen Pagodas, two fanams, Sixty four Cash 5117. 2. 64 of which he before paid five thousand & now pays the remaining part one hundred seventeen Pagodas, two fanams Sixty four Cash 117. 2. 64, also three thousand 3000 Pagodas account Broad Cloth sold this Month.

Report of the salvage of the Brigantine Neptune.

Proceedings thereupon.

Pursuant to the order of last Consultation Messrs. Hubbard & Peers deliver in a representation concerning the Cargo of Brigantine Neptune, setting forth that in a storm that vessell met with at sea, near a month before she was stranded at Cuddalore, above one third part of the Bale Goods were thrown overboard, and the remaining part were so much damag'd and the Gunnys rotted with the Water, that the Marks could not be distinguish'd and therefore impossible to know which belong'd to the Owners or which to any body else ; that having orders from the Owners to sell all the Goods paid out of the said Vessell they propose to put the whole to outcry, and when they can receive the particular accounts of all laden on board, to make a dividend in proportion to the amount of the respective Invoices, which is agreed to with respect to Cuntoo's Concern.

Letters read from Fort Marlbrô,

No. 27. General Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbrough ℔ George Brigantine dated the 2d. Janry. 1730/1 accompanying their Books of accounts & Consultations agreeable to the List of the packet.

Moco Moco & St. Helenah.

No. 28. General Letter from the Resident of Moco Moco of the 17 January.

No. 29. From the Governour & Council of St. Helena inclosing a List of the ships touching at that port, with the time of their arrival & departure.

a Petition dd. in for permitting Elephants to be brot. in at half Custom but rejected.

The petition of Shaik Mahamud Ahmeen &ca. Elephant Merchants was read setting forth that they were Inhabitants of Madrass but having 6 Elephants at Tenassery they were obligd to freight them on a Chuliar ship who had contrary to their consent landed them at St. Thoma where they had already paid the Charges of that Port, That they were desirous of bringing them to this place, in case they may be exempted from paying one half of the Customs, otherwise they must remain at St. Thoma. Notwithstanding there is an immediate Loss by the refusal of this request, the Company's orders being so positive in the [*lacuna*] Paragraph of their Letter ℔ Ship [*lacuna*] in the year [*lacuna*] Agreed the Petition be rejected.

Treasure from the West Coast to be examined & coin'd.

Ordered that Messrs. Hyde & Peers examine the silver from the West coast and that then it be delivered into the Mint to be coin'd.

G. M. Pitt.
Robt. Symonds.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic: Morse.

11 Ship Brittania [*lacuna*] Roberts Master arrived from Achin.

13 Ship Trevelecane JoaõCarvalho arrived from Manilah.

14 Receivd from Fort St. David by Tappies a General Letter.

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Ship Raheeme arrived from Pegue. 15

Brigantine Alamadut George Powney arrived from Ternasseree. —

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Governour & Council of Fort William having in their Letter of the 21st. Febry. desired Yr. Honr. &ct. to receive the Goods belonging to Cuntoo the late Cossimbuzar broker that were freighted on board the Neptune Brigantine lately lost on this Coast, as they had heard all the Goods aboard her were saved. We now beg leave to represent to your Honr. &ct. that in a storm that vessel met with at sea in Octobr. last near a month before she was stranded at Cuddalore, they had been oblig'd to have overboard above a third part of her Bale Goods & most of the remainder were so much damag'd & the Gunnys rotted by the Water that the marks could not be distinguish'd so that it was impossible to know which belong'd to the owners or which to any body else, all that were damag'd have been rewash'd at Fort St. David & since brought up hither & are now in our possession, among the few goods that escaped damage in the storm, we find only one bale of the same Mark as mention'd in the Invoice sent up to Your Honour &ct. that is R. B. No. 8 which we believe to be one of the 11 laden by the Broker. We have lately receiv'd orders from the owners to sell every thing that was saved out of the abovesd. Vessell as soon as possible & the freighters here press us to do the same in order that a dividend may be made of the produce of the Goods sav'd in proportion to the respective Invoices. We therefore propose to put up all at outcry in a few days & as soon as we receive the particular accounts of all laden on board from the bay to make a dividend to the persons concern'd & will accot. with your Honr. &ct. for Cuntoo's proportion unless you shall think fit to direct otherwise with regard to his Goods. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants

James Hubbard.
Charles Peers.

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

The petition of Shaik Mahomud Ahmeen, Hussen Mea, Merja Mahomud Daum & Coja Salaam.

Whereas your petitioners Inhabitants of Madras had Elephants lately arriv'd St. Thomé from Tenasseree which they were oblig'd to freight on a Chuliar ship there being no other & being there landed without their Consent they paid that port Charges Now your petitioners humbly pray they may pay the Custom only on half their Value & they will bring them in otherwise they must remain there. The granting this favour will further encourage your petitioners who as in duty bound shall ever pray &ct.

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President. — Saturday the 17th.

Randal Fowke.	John Roach.
James Hubbard.	Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton.	Charles Peers.

Nicolas Morse.

Randal Fowke Export Warehousekeepr. reads that account for last month ballance due to him three thousand four hundred thirty four Pagodas, nineteen fanams & thirty three Cash 3434. 19. 33 which are carried forward & fifteen hundred 1500 Pagodas ordered to be advanc'd him on the running Months account. — Export Warehou[s]-keprs. accot. read.

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Impt. Warehousekr. pays money into Cash

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper pays into Cash Six thousand 6000 Pagodas on account of broad cloth sold.

Paymasters account read, &

John Roach Paymaster reads that account for last month Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pas. 1243	7	—
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Hospital	42	29	—
Charges General	479	5	45
Charges Extraordinary	—	23	—
Fort Marlbrough	10	—	—
Bombay Presidency	25	—	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications	107	3	50
Pags.	2557	32	15

ballance due to him fifty seven Pagodas thirty two fanams & fifteen Cash 57. 32. 15 which are now paid

the Extraordinary expence enquired into.

The Extraordinary Expence in this Month's account arises as hereunder Vizt.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.			
Boathire for the Paymaster & Gunner to muster the Cadogan's Men	Ps. —	23	—
FORT MARLBROUGH.			
Allowance Money to Raja Ooaloodean & his servants.. ..	10	—	—
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.			
Allowance Money to the Widow Burton & her Children ..	25	—	—
Pags. ..	35	23	—

Storekeeprs. accot. read.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads that account for last Month ballance due from him nine hundred twenty two Pagodas eight fanams & seventy nine Cash 922. 8. 79 of which he now pays four hundred 400 Pagodas.

Report of the Treasure recd. from the West Coast deliver'd in.

Messrs. Hyde & Peers deliver to the board a report of the Contents of the five Chests of silver receiv'd by the George from Bencoolen whereby it appears that there are four & a half Ounces 4½ over weight of which the Gentlemen there are to be advis'd & the report is enter'd after this Consultation.

Bills of charges & impress &ca. of Ship George dd. in.

Captain John Pye Commander of the George presents to the board a Bill for victualling two prisoners brought from Fort Marlbrough on that ship amounting to twenty five pagodas four fanams 25. 4. — which the Paymaster is directed to discharge.

He likewise delivers in three Bills for Charges, Wages & Impress for the George all which being examin'd the Storekeeper was directed to pay amounting Vizt.

Charges on the Vessell	Ps. 15	16	—
Arrears due	332	—	—
Impress	110	24	—
	458	4	—

in all four hundred fifty eight Pagodas four fanams. These Three notes & the former for the prisoners diet are all entered after this Consultation.

Supplies of Cash sent to Vizagapatam & Ingeram.

Mr. Sands Davis Chief of Vizagapatam going down to his station on the Poondee Brigantine AGREED that Eighteen thousand 18000 Rupees & five thousand 5000 Pagodas be sent by him & that three thousand 3000 of the Rupees be sent to Ingeram, And

Mr. Joseph Goddard sent to Vizagapatam as an Assistant.

There being want of writing assistants there & Mr. Joseph Goddard who has been some years in the service at Bencoolen but came over here for his health being willing to go AGREED that he be sent thither at the usual allowances as a Factor and that we recommend it to the Company to take him into their service on this Establishment.

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General Letter N°. 30. from the Provisional Cheif &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. David dated the 12th. Instant read enclosing a report of Deficiencies in the Goods sent them by the Ramah & advising that they had publish'd the prohibition of Trade with Tranquebar according to our orders & inclosing their Cash accounts. **Letter from Fort St. David read.**

Ordered that the report inclosed in the said Letter be entered after Consultation & that they be permitted to write off the deficiency. **Defficiency of Stores sent by the Ramah allowed.**

Agreed that Messrs. Hubbard, Hyde, Burton & Morse do examine the books & papers receiv'd from the West coast by the George & report their Observations to this Board. **Committee appointed to examn. West Coast Books & Papers.**

G. M. Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Charles Peers.
Nic: Morse.

Sent by Peons General Letters to Vizagapatam & Fort S^t^. David and to Capt Saunders of ship Cadogan lying at Negapatam. 18th.

Sent by Peons a General Letter to Tranquebarr accompanying a Protest from this Presidency against the Government there for Protecting an Ostend Ship. 19

Brigantine Latchmepers saild for Ballasore. 24

Sent by Peons General Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram Dated 22^d^. —

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to an order of last Consultation we have examined the silver receiv'd by the ship George from Fort Marlbrough which comes out as is hereunder mention'd Viz^t^.

Chests	Bags.	N°. of Bags.	Invoice Weight. lb.	Oz^s^.	dw^t^.		Weight received. lb.	Oz.	dw^t^.		Wants. Oz^s^.	dw^t^.	Overw^t^. Oz^s^.	dw^t^.
		238 Mexico	72	—	—		72	—	—					
		234	72	4	—		72	4	—					
		227	72	7	15		72	7	10		–	5		
		215	72	5	10		72	5	10					
1	4					289 5 5				289 5 —				
		210	72	6	5		72	7	—				–	15
		242	72	1	—		72	1	—					
		236	72	8	5		72	9	—				–	15
		214	72	8	—		72	8	10				–	10
1	4					289 11 10				290 1 10				
		209	72	5	10		72	5	10					
		212	72	3	15		72	5	—				1	5
		252	72	8	15		72	9	—				–	5
		226	72	8	10		72	9	—				–	10
1	4					290 2 10				290 4 10				
		223	72	7	15		72	8	—				–	5
		228	72	1	10		72	1	10					
		239	72	3	10		72	4	—				–	10
		213	72	3	10		72	4	—				–	10
1	4					289 4 5				289 5 10				

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Chests	Bags.	No. of Bags.	Invoice Weight. lb.	Ozs.	dwt.		Weight received. lb.	Oz.	dwt.		Wants. Ozs.	dwt.	Overwt. Ozs.	dwt.
		221	72	8	—		72	8	—					
		1144 Licence Mony.	71	7	10		71	7	—		–	10		
		1978	71	7	10		71	7	10					
		1162	70	9	5		70	9	5					
1	4	——				286 8 5				286 7 15				
5 Chests	20 Baggs	weight Invoic'd	1445	7	15	Receiv'd	1446	—	5		–	15	5	5
		Add the over weight.	—	4	10					Deduct			–	15
		True Weight.	1446	—	5					Overweight ..			4	10

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
10 APRIL 1731.

SAMUEL HYDE.
CHARLES PEERS.

To Cash for dieting 2 Men belonging to the Honble East India Company from the 6 Janry. to the 11 April 1731 @ 4 fanam ₱ day each Pag. [*lacuna*].

FORT ST. GEORGE
APRIL THE 16TH. 1731.

JOHN PYE.

EXPENCES of ship George at the West Coast of Sumatra.

Sillebar November 1730				
To 4 Men for 16 days @ 4 fans. ₱ day	Pas.	7	4	—
Bencoolen December 1730.				
To 4 fathom of Firewood @ 2 Dollrs. ₱ fathom ..		5	12	—
Padang February 2, 1731.				
To salt		1	—	—
Borrows March 1 Do.				
To Candles		2	—	—
	Pags.	15	16	—

FORT ST. GEORGE
APRIL 16TH. 1731.

JOHN PYE.

For 3 Months wages due to the ship George from Janry. 15th. to April 15th. 1731. Vizt.

	John Pye, Commandr.	@ Ps. 18	6	Pas. 54	18 —
	John Taylour 1st. Mate	12	—	36	— —
	James Brown 2d. Do.	10	—	30	— —
	Walter Plunket	5	—	15	— —
	Syrang	5	—	15	— —
	1st. Tendall	4	—	12	— —
	2d. Do.	3	—	9	— —
	Carpenter	4	—	12	— —
	Caulker	3	—	9	— —
	Noquedasaab	2	18	7	18 —
4	Helmsmen @ 2½ ea.	10	—	30	— —
17	Lascars 2	34	—	102	— —
31		Pags. 110	24	Pags. 332	— —

FORT ST. GEORGE
APRIL THE 16TH. 1731.

JOHN PYE.

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For one Month's Impress for Ship George from 15 April 1731 Vizt.

John Pye Commander	@ Pas.	18	6	—
John Taylour Cheifmate		12	—	—
James Brown 2d. Do.		10	—	—
Walter Plunket, Gunner		5	—	—
Syrang		5	—	—
1st. Tendall		4	—	—
2d. Do.		3	—	—
Noquedah Saab		2	18	—
Carpenter		4	—	—
Caulker		3	—	—
4 Helmsmen @ 2⅛ [2½] each		10	—	—
17 Lascars 2 Do.		34	—	—
31	Pags.	110	24	—

Fort St. George
April 16th. 1731.

John Pye.

To Mr. Edward Croke provl. Cheif &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

On receiving the Honble Company's stores ashore from the Rama I find the following deficiencies of the Madrass Invoice, Europe Iron — 1 1 & 1 (cwt. qr. lb.) jarr of oil said to be broken in shipping there which are submitted to your adjustment by

Gentlemen
Your most humble servant
Thos. Eyre.

Fort St. David
8th. April 1731.

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Tuesday the 27th.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer reads that account for the last Month Vizt. *Sea Customers accot. read.*

Custom on goods imported	Pags. 1558	34	60
Do. on Grain	978	4	32
Anchorage	49	—	—
	Pags. 2586	3	12

ballance due from him Six thousand three hundred pagodas thirty five fanams & forty Cash 6300. 35. 40 of which he now pays three thousand 3000 Pagodas.

Randal Fowke Export Warehousekeeper delivers to the board an Account Sales at Outcry of the Tutenague brought on the Galley from China and pays in the amount thereof being Eleven thousand eight hundred & six pagodas thirty fanams & fourteen Cash 11806. 30. 14 as ℘ particulars entered after Consultation. *Sales of China Tutanague Reported, &*

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper also delivers an Account Sales at Outcry of Lead & Copper as entered after this Consultation & pays into cash on that account three thousand 3000 pagodas. *of Lead & Copper.*

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Mint account read.

The President reads the Mint account for the last month ballance due from him three thousand eight hundred & two Rupees five anaes 3802. 5 which are carried forward & sixty three pagodas & five Cash 63. — 5 which he now pays in.

Cash account read.

He likewise reads the Cash account for last Month ballance remaining One hundred & nineteen thousand & eighty Pagodas twenty five fanams & seventy two Cash 119080. 25. 72.

Impress advanced for the Brigantine Building at Pegue for ye. W. Coast.

Captain Canaway Master of the Brigantine Fort St. George now building at Pegu delivers a Bill for Impress for himself & people for three Months amounting to two hundred & sixty 260 Pagodas which is Ordered to be paid by the Storekeeper & the account is entered after Consultation.

Ballance of L. Customers accot. paid in.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash five hundred & ten pagodas thirty five fanams & four Cash 510. 35. 4 for ballance of his last Month's Account.

Letters read.

General Letters read Vizt.

From Vizagapatam.

No. 31 From the Provisional Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam dated 3d. Instant advising of the death of Subana & the apprehensions the Country thereabouts are in of Hodjee Hussain & requesting a supply.

From Ingeram &

No. 32 From Mr. Sanderson dated 7th. Instt. with news to the same purport; he also gives hopes of a large Investment & desires a supply.

Fort St. David.

No. 33 From the Provisional Cheif & Council of Fort St. David dated 21 April advising they had forwarded our Letter to Captain Sanders.

A Complaint made against Messrs. Peers, Foxley & Henry Salomons,

The President acquainted the board that complaint had been made him of an insult offered to the Captain of the Main & Ensign of the Choultry Guards by Mr. Peers, Mr. Foxley & Mr. Henry Salomon on thursday night last which tending very much to the disturbance of the place & to destroy all discipline in the Garrison he therefore proposed that Mr. Peers who was then sitting at the board should withdraw; accordingly he did so, And

and

Ensign Peele being called in declared that he was alarm'd by a very great noise in the street & going to see what was the Matter saw three persons in one palankeen which breaking just at the Guard occasion'd the noise to increase on which endeavouring to persuade them to be quiet he was insulted by them, that Mr. Peers threatened him, Mr. Salomon said he was drunk & Mr. Foxley held up his fist at him this account was confirm'd by the Serjeant & Corporal of the said Guard as also by Captain Eckman Commander of the Main Guard, who on Mr. Peers's Complaint sent for the Ensign & examined him & he gave him the same account of the Matter as did also the Serjeant & Corporal and further declared that Mr. Peers commanded him to confine the Ensign in very peremptory terms averring he was drunk & had insulted him, whereas he the said Captain was satisfy'd he was perfectly sober, all these depositions are entered after Consultation.

Proceedings

The President then added that the next morning after this happened when he expected Mr. Peers should have considered of the folly, of what he had done he was surpriz'd to find him instead thereof insist that the Ensign should be punish'd and that in such terms as gave the President but too just reason to complain of Mr. Peers's want of respect to him, which Mr. Burton, who was with him at the time Mr. Peers insisted on this, confirm'd.

The board taking into Consideration the ill Consequences which must necessarily follow on such irregular proceedings Agreed that a Charge be drawn up & given Mr. Peers agreable to the tenour of the said depositions & that it be signified to him that his answer thereto be ready on Monday next, And

Having called in & examined Mr. Foxley & Mr. Salomon the latter of whom absolutely denied every thing charged upon him & the former denied that he had lifted his Fist at the Ensign, came to the following resolutions.

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That Mr. Paul Foxley be suspended from the Honble Company's Service & that the Secretary notifie it to Mr. Henry Salomon (who by these actions is apparently guilty of a breach of the Covenants entered into with the Company) that he must prepare for Europe in twelve months, to which resolves Messrs. Hubbard & Morse dissented.

thereupon ; Mr. Paul Foxley suspended and Mr. Henry Salomons orderd Home.

G. M. Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

Account Sale of Tutenague sold 15th. Febry. 1730/1 at two Months trust Vizt.

	Can.						
The Governour	20	@ Pags. 42 ℔ Can.	.. ..	Pags.	840	—	—
D°.	20	42¼	.. ..		845	—	—
D°.	20	44¼	.. ..		885	—	—
D°.	20	45¼	.. ..		905	—	—
D°.	20	46¼	.. ..		925	—	—
D°.	20	46⅛	.. ..		922	18	—
D°.	20	46¼	.. ..		925	—	—
D°.	20	46⅜	.. ..		927	18	—
D°.	20	46⅜	.. ..		927	18	—
D°.	20	46⅜	.. ..		927	18	—
Mr. Peers	20	46⅛	.. ..		922	18	—
D°.	20	46⅜	.. ..		927	18	—
Mr. Morse	19 18 md. 16 lb.	46½	.. ..		926	30	14
Candys	259 18 16	amotg. to	..	Pags. ..	11806	30	14

Randall Fowke

Expot. Warehouskeeper.

Account Sale of Copper & Lead belonging to the Import Warehouse sold at Outcry the 15th. Febry. 1730/1 Vizt.

At two months trust.			Can.						
Copper	Mr. Turner	.. ..	10	—	—	@ Ps. 79¾ ℔ Ca.	Ps. 797	18	—
	D°.	.. ..	10	—	—	79¼	792	18	—
	D°.	.. ..	10	1	11½	79¼	803	9	3
	Candy	..	30	1	11½	amountg. to	Ps. 2393	9	

Lead Vizt.

	Ca.					
Tombee Chittee	20	@ Ps. 16⅜ ℔ Ca.	.. ..	Ps. 327	18	—
D°.	20	16⅛	.. ..	322	18	—
Nina Chittee	10	16½	.. ..	165	—	—
Candy ..	50			Pags. 3208	9	3

Charles Peers
Impt. Warehkr.

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An Account of Impress for the Honble Companys Brigantine as follows.

Master	3 @	18 6 ℔ Mens.	..	..	Pas. 54	18	—
Cheif Mate	3	12 —	..	..	36	—	—
2d. do.	3	10	..	..	30	—	—
Syrang	3	5	..	..	15	—	—
Tendall	3	4	..	..	12	—	—
Carpenter	3	4	..	..	12	—	—
Caulker	3	3	..	..	9	—	—
Noquedah Saab	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	7	18	—
4 Helmsmen	3	@ $2\frac{1}{2}$ 10	..	..	30	—	—
9 Lascars	3	2	..	..	54	—	—
					Pags. 260	—	—

Robt. Cannaway.

Ensign Peele declareth That he being Commander of the Choultry Guard [*lacuna*] heard a very great noise in the street, he called to the serjeant & Corporal to know the meaning who could not inform him, but suspected it to be the uproar of some drunken sailors, whereon he ordered a part of the Guard to be in readiness to sieze & suppress them. When they had advanc'd just opposite to the Choultry Guard he perceiv'd there was three persons in one palankeen who proved to be Mr. Peers, Mr. Foxley & Mr. Salomons which being so loaded broke down with them & on this disaster the Clamour was louder than before on which he went to them & said, Gentlemen I beg you will consider what time of night it is, that you will depart about your occasions & not disturb the Garrison, on this Mr. Peers came up to him in a very particular manner & cry'd Who are you Sir? He answer'd I am commander of this Guard, it is my duty to preserve the peace & I hope you won't disturb it; Sir, said Mr. Peers we know who you are very well & shall deal with you accordingly. Mr. Henry Salomons came up & said the Ensign is drunk, what signifies talking to such a drunken fellow, speak to the Serjeant, I know him to be a sober man. He reply'd, Gentlemen if you had drank no more than I there would have been none of this disturbance to night, And Mr. Paul Foxley coming near with his hands behind him, thrust one of them almost in his face which made him, who had his sword in his hand, but not drawn, point it to him & order him to keep his distance & not dare to insult him in such a manner in the face of his Guard. Mr. Foxley said, You, Sir what do you pretend to, don't you see who is in our Company, & that after some vollies of oaths & threats they retired to the Main Guard, All which I attest to be true.

Geo: Peele.

William Price declareth that He being Serjeant at the Choultry Guard on [*lacuna*] heard a great noise at some distance about one a Clock in the morning which the Ensign called to him & the Corporal to know the meaning of. We could not inform him but did beleive it was some sailors that were drunk & the Ensign ordered us to keep part of the Guard ready to seize them. When they came near the Gate he perceiv'd there was three men in one Palankeen which just then broke down with such a weight & the Gentlemen being Mr. Peers, Mr. Foxley & Mr. Henry Salomons made a very great Noise & disturbance on which the Ensign went up to them & said, Gentlemen I beg you will consider what time of night it is, that you will go about your business & not disturb the Garrison. Mr. Peers then came up to the Ensign & cry'd, Who are you Sir? The Ensign answered, I am commander of this Guard & 'tis my duty to preserve the peace. Sir, said Mr. Peers, Weknow who you are very well & shall deal with you accordingly. Mr. Henry Salomons came up & said, the Ensign is drunk, what signifies talking to such a drunken fellow, speak to the Serjeant, I know him to be a sober man. The Ensign replied, Gentlemen if you had drank no more than I there would have been none of this disturbance to night, And Mr. Paul Foxley coming near with his hands behind him suddenly run of them up to the Ensign's breast, on which the Ensign who had his sword in his hand but not

drawn pointed it to him & ordered him to keep his distance & not dare to insult him in such a manner in the face of his Guard. Mr. Foxley said, you Sir, what do you pretend to, don't you see who is in our Company, And that after some swearing & threatning they went towards the Main Guard, And he doth also declare that to the best of his knowledge & belief the Ensign was perfectly sober,

All which I attest to be true.

Wm. Price.

Christopher Wagoner declareth that he being Corporal at the Choultry Guard on [*lacuna*] heard a great noise at some distance about one a Clock in the morning, which the Ensign called to him & the Serjeant to know the meaning of, we could not inform but did beleive it was sailors that were drunk & the Ensign ordered us to keep a part of the Guard ready to seize them. When they came near the Gate he perceiv'd there was three men in one palankeen which just then broke down with such a weight & the Gentlemen being Mr. Peers, Mr. Foxley & Mr. Salomons made a very great noise & disturbance on which the Ensign went up to them & said, Gentlemen I beg you will consider what time of night it is, that you will go about your Business & not disturb the Garrison. Mr. Peers then came up to the Ensign & cryd, Who are you Sir? The Ensign answered, I am Commander of this Guard & 'tis my duty to preserve the peace. Sir, said Mr. Peers, we know who you are very well & shall deal with you accordingly. Mr. Henry Salomons came up & said, the Ensign is drunk, what signifies talking to such a drunken fellow, speak to the Serjeant, I know him to be a sober man. The Ensign replied, Gentlemen, if you had drank no more than I there would have been none of this disturbance, And Mr. Paul Foxley coming near with his hands behind him suddenly run one of them up to the Ensign's Breast on which the Ensign who had his sword in his hand but not drawn pointed it to him & ordered him to keep his distance & not dare to insult him in such a manner in the face of his Guard. Mr. Foxley said, you Sir, what do you pretend to, don't you see who is in our Company. And that after some swearing & threatning they went towards the Main Guard & the said Christopher Wagoner doth also declare that to the best of his knowledge & beleif the Ensign was perfectly sober,

All which I attest to be true.

Christian Wagnor.

Captain Eckman being sent for & question'd what passed on his Guard on Saturday night last with respect to Mr. Peers & some others in his Company Answers That he being Commander of the Main Guard on Saturday last was alarm'd with a violent knocking at the Fort Gate about two in the morning, that the Serjeant coming to him & acquainting him that Mr. Peers & some others desired to speak with him, he went down to them, when Mr. Peers told him the Ensign of the Choultry Gate was drunk & had insulted him & commanded him to confine the Ensign immediately. That he told Mr. Peers he could not take an officer off his guard without putting another in his stead and at that time he had not one to relieve him, but he sent for the Ensign & examined him on Mr. Peers's Complaint & the Ensign who appeared to him to be perfectly sober gave him the following account of the Matter. That hearing a very great Noise in the street he call'd to the Serjeant & Corporal to know the meaning who could not inform him but suspected it to be the uproar of some drunken sailors whereon he ordered a part of the Guard to be in readiness to seize & suppress them. When they had advanc'd just opposite to the Choultry Guard he perceiv'd there was three persons in one palankeen who prov'd to be Mr. Peers, Mr. Foxley & Mr. Salomons which being so loaded broke down with them & on this disaster the Clamour was louder than before on which he went to them & said, Gentlemen, I beg you will consider what time of night it is, that you will depart about your occasions & not disturb the Garrison, on this Mr. Peers came up to him in a very particular manner & cry'd, Who are you Sir? The Ensign answered, I am Commander of this Guard, it is my duty to preserve the peace & I hope you won't disturb it. Sir, said Mr. Peers, we know who you are very well & shall deal with you accordingly.

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Mr. Henry Salomons came up & said, the Ensign is drunk, what signifies talking to such a drunken fellow, speak to the Serjeant, I know him to be an honest man. The Ensign replied, Gentlemen if you had drank no more than I there would have been none of this disturbance to night & Mr. Paul Foxley coming near with his hands behind him suddenly thrust one them almost in his face which made the Ensign who had his sword in his hand but not drawn point it to him & order him to keep his distance & not dare to insult him in such a manner in the face of his Guard. Mr. Foxley said, you Sir what do you pretend to, don't you see who is in our Company & that after some Vollies of oaths & Threats they retired to the Main Guard. Captain Eckman declares that after the Ensign was return'd he sent to be further satisfied for the Serjeant & Corporal who related the same story exactly & averr'd the Ensign was perfectly sober. Notwithstanding which Mr. Peers insisted the Ensign should be confin'd & commanded him positively to do it, To sooth him he told Mr. Peers he would secure the Ensign & take care he should be forthcoming in the morning to answer any Complaint.

All which I attest to be true.

PETER ECKMAN.

COPY of a Charge exhibited by the President & Council of Fort St. George against Mr. Charles Peers one of the Members of the said Council.

For that Complaint hath been made by Ensign John Peel that you Charles Peers with other disorderly Companions namely Mr. Paul Foxley & Mr. Henry Salomons did on Saturday night last between the hours of one & two approach the Choultry Guard with a great noise & disturbance & being come very near to the Guard you did in a most unseemly & unwarrantable manner insult & threaten the said Ensign who was Commander there, That not being contented with the abuse & Insult to his face you went to the Main Guard which having alarm'd with repeated noise & knocking demanded to speak with the Captain, That when he came you unjustifiably assum'd to command and peremptorily require him to obey your Orders & confine the aforesaid Ensign & this you positively insisted on notwithstanding all the soft persuasions to the contrary & the representations of the Injustice and Irregularity of such a proceeding.

Which actions being highly culpable in themselves & having a direct tendency to subvert & destroy all good order & Government which you as a member is more particularly bound to support & conserve the Quiet of,

You are hereby required to answer to this Charge which answer is expected on Monday the 3d. May next at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

28TH. Ship Brittania [*lacuna*] Shuttleworth saild for Bengal.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY THE 30TH. [FRIDAY]

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE
AUGUSTUS BURTON. CHARLES PEERS.
NICOLAS MORSE.

Paymaster pays money in Cash.

Major John Roach Paymaster pays into Cash one hundred seventy nine pagodas & twelve fanams 179. 12. — being for Coats & Caps provided for the party sent to Tellicherry for which he was then paid but they not being sent with the men he now pays back that Sum as at large in his representation entered after this Consultation.

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Annuity to the China Jesuits paid.

The attorneys of the Jesuits Missionaries in China requesting the payment of their annuity ORDERED that it be paid them being twelve hundred 1200 Pagodas.

Debate about Companys Broad Cloth remaining on hand.

The President represented to the board that he has for these two or three months past been continually pressing the Company's Merchants to take off the broad cloth remaining on hand, that so when the supply for this year arrives we may not be loaded with too large a Quantity, that the month of April expires this day, at which time according to Custom the Cloth ought all to be paid for, but that he has never been able to get more than promises from Sunca Rama, thô Tomby Chittee has offered to pay his half, he therefore proposes to the Consideration of the board how to act in this affair, accordingly the merchants being called in Tomby Chittee offered to lay down the Money for the half of what was on hand which was accordingly ORDERED to be delivered him and the other half being offer'd to Sunca Rama he told the board he could not pay the money in less than a month but that he would then pay it with the Interest & in the new Coin, Which proposal of his being considered the Board at last resolv'd that as an Encouragement to Tomby Chittee for being punctual in his payment the remainder should be divided between them unless Sunca Rama should pay the money for the other half sometime this day.

Messrs. Peers & Morse think it for the Company's Interest that all the Cloth be sold before more arrives but are of opinion that Sunca Rama should be allow'd a Month's Credit on the terms proposed. M^r^. Hubbard also thinks he ought to be allow'd sometime but that a week is sufficient.

Tomby Chittee being thus decreed to have half the whole Quantity of the Broad cloth now delivered him pays the amount to the Import Warehousekeeper who accordingly pays into Cash twenty seven thousand 27,000 Pagodas on that account.

Mess^r^. Hubbard & Morse Deliver in their Reasons for disenting to the resolves relating to M^r^. Foxley & Salomons.

On reading the last Consultation for signing Messrs. Hubbard & Morse delivered their reasons to the board for dissenting to the resolve in it relating to Messrs. Foxley & Salomon which are ORDERED to be entered after this Consultation.

G M. PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON
[*Lacuna*].
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HON^BLE^ GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^. PRESIDENT &C^T^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

Having receiv'd orders from the Honble President I had provided Coats & Caps for fifty Sentinels & three Serjeants a party to be rais'd to recruit Tellicherry for which I was paid & Bombay Presidency charg'd Pag^s^. 179. 12. —, It happen'd for reasons known to this board that the Men sent were of those belonging to this Garrison, who had paid almost in full for their Cloaths & by a mistake of those who had the management (I being at that time sick) that the Cloaths provided were not sent, only 14 Coats & Caps, which Captain West (as the Ensign commanding that party informs me) having receiv'd no directions how to dispose of them has carried with him to Mocha, wherefore to prevent the trouble this mistake may occasion I desire Your Honour &c^a's^. leave to pay back what I receiv'd on that account & that Bombay Presidency may be credited therewith; What difference there may be due to me I shall take upon myself & am with the greatest respect

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servant
JOHN ROACH.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
30 APRIL 1731.

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We dissent from that part of the Consultation wherein Mr. Foxley is ordered to be suspended & Mr. Henry Salomons sent home because we are not fully satisfied that the Charge laid against them is clearly made good in every respect as we find those Gentlemen deny the worse part of it whose assertions of their Innocence ought in our opinion to have some weight, But admitting that matter happen'd as the officers of the Guard have represented it, we can't help thinking the punishment more than adequate to the Crime and that a reprimand from the board would have been more suitable to the Nature of the Offence as well as to the Company's Orders and We further think Mr. Foxley's long & faithfull Services might plead something in his behalf & extenuate in some measure what laid to his charge wherein we don't find there was any ill intended to the Welfare of the Garrison.

Jas. Hubbard.
Nic: Morse.

30 Receivd by Peons a General Letter from Tranquebarr.

May 1 Brigantine Hopewell Edward Jones saild for Bengall by whom sent a General Letter to that Presidency dated this day.

— Ship Nosa Senhora da Peine Santa Du Marto arrived from Macao.

At a Consultation

Present

Monday the 3d.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Charles Peers.
Nicolas Morse.

Money advand. Paymr.

The paymaster requesting money for the disbursements of the running month Ordered that two thousand five hundred 2500 Pagodas be advanc'd him.

Import Warehs. acoot. read.

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last Month ballance due from him three thousand one hundred & ninety Pagodas fifteen fanams & thirty four Cash 3190 15. 34 of which he now pays two thousand & twenty one Pagodas seventeen fanams & twenty Cash 2021. 17. 20.

Letter from Tranquebar read.

General Letter No. 34 from the Governour & Council of Tranquebar dated 9th. May N.S. wherein they write us that they are resolv'd to assist the Ostend ship in whatever she shall want except only in her trade.

Money advand. the Storekeepr.

The storekeeper requesting money to pay the Impress to the Master & people belonging to the sloop now building in Pegu & to pay for stores for her Ordered that six hundred 600 Pagodas be advanc'd him for that purpose.

Wares & Stores for Fort Marlbrô to be sent on Ship George.

And the George being to return to Fort Marlbrô as soon as possible the Warehousekeepers & Storekeeper are directed to put on board her the Wares & Stores indented for as near as possible & to purchase what are not on hand.

Defficiency of Stores for the Last year wrote off.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper presents an account of Proffit & Loss being for stores worn out, wasted, dried, lost by rust, broke &ct. during the last twelve Months amounting in the whole to one hundred sixty one Pagodas fourteen fanams & seventy one Cash 161. 14. 71 which he desires may be wrote off & which upon examining the several Items appearing to be unavoidable it is permitted; at the same time he reports that there are three Candy & ten Maund 3.10 gain'd in the weight of the Gunpowder Country which he brings to account. The particulars hereof are entered after this Consultation.

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Mr. Peers being then call'd upon for his answer to the charge exhibited against him, replied that he had not receiv'd any charge as he apprehended but only a paper said to be a Copy of one without it's being certified that the President & Council had approv'd thereof. But the Board telling him they had approv'd thereof he then gave in his answer to it as entered after this Consultation, wherein he demands a hearing face to face with the persons who have complain'd against him. He next proceeds to give an account of the affair, affirming that what noise they made was only laughing at the breaking of the Palankeen thô perhaps the palankeen boys might be noisy: That the Ensign thereupon treated them haughtily instead of their insulting the Ensign; that they went to the Mainguard to complain of him & denies that he used any haughty language to the Captain or assumed any Command over him. His answer therefore contains in it an account of the proceedings of that night set in a different light than by the Charge and a demand to have a hearing before the board, as at large in the answer; he likewise takes notice that the thing happened on a thursday night whereas the charge lays it on the Saturday.

Mr. Peers delivers in his answer, and

He being withdrawn the Error of the time was allowed & a Motion being made for calling in the Witnesses & Mr. Peers, it was Resolv'd in the Negative because this board did not act in this case as a Court of Judicature, but were only examining into the Behaviour of one of the Members of it.

Then the board taking into consideration the several depositions on which the Charge is founded & Mr. Peers's defence did agree that the charge was fully made out & thereupon,

is suspended from the service,

Resolved that Mr. Peers should be suspended the Company's service till their pleasure was known, to which resolve,

to which

Messrs. Hubbard & Morse dissented not being of opinion that the charge was sufficiently supported.

Messrs. Hubbard and Morse dissent.

G. M. Pitt.
[*Lacuna*].
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
[*Lacuna*].
Nic: Morse.

Proffit & Loss Dr. to Sundry accounts Pags. 161. 14. 71 for the following stores worn out, wasted, dried, lost by rust, broke &ca.

General Stores			
Iron Crows	7 lb. by rust	— 8 5	
Hooks	5	— 6 70	
Steel	3	— 4 40	
Mauls	3	— 3 60	
Scupper Nails	5	— 9 5	
Compass Glasses	2 broke	— 7 —	
Half hour Glass	1	— 3 —	
Inchado handles	2	— 2 —	
			1 8 20
Bees Wax	12½ lb.		1 4 40
	⅌		
Iron Europe	8 — 25 by rust		17 21 15
Cordage Europe	16 2 18 dried		59 8 45
Bolt Iron	3 2 14 by rust		12 8 35
Rod Iron	— — 6½ do.		— 6 20
Sea Coals	8 bushels		— 32 —
	⅌ qrs.		
Nails	4 — 1½ lb by rust		20 2 30
	barrl. galls.		
Tarr	1 5		2 22 40
Pitch	1 barrel to fill up 24 barrls.		3 9 —

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Item	Quantity									
Gunners Stores Vizt.										
Iron Granado shells ..	.. 22 broke	2	—	4						
Ship Carriage	.. 1 do.	4	—	—						
Beds	.. 3 do.	1	4	70						
Quoins	.. 23 do.	1	10	—						
Fuzes for Granado shells	.. 212 worm eaten	1	22	24						
Wooden Mallets ..	.. 22 broke	—	31	40						
Wooden Shelters ..	.. 12 do.	—	25	52						
Spunge & Rammerheads	.. 43 do.	—	26	70						
Mortavan Jarrs ..	.. 1 do.	4	—	—						
Ashen Staves ..	.. 43 do.	7	29	52						
Tin Partridges ..	.. 40 do.	4	8	60						
Iron Worms	.. 45 rust eaten	1	13	40						
Hand spikes Country	.. 96 broke	4	28	64						
Steel Bitts	.. 35 rust eaten	1	15	15						
Priming Irons ..	.. 83 Do.	—	32	13						
Powder Casks . ..	.. 16 broke	5	12	—						
170 Iron shot ℘ ship Derby said to weigh ℘ ⊕ qr. lb. Invoice 18 — 8 wch. weigh'd but ⊕ lb. 13 — 8 which Capt. Fitzhugh excepted against in the Bill of Lading which makes the difference only in weight ⊕ 5 — —										
Coehorn shells 2 broke on bd. the Derby omitted to be wrote off		—	26	40						
					42	35	64			
								161	14	71

Gunpowder Country Dr. to Proffit & Loss Pags. 73 2 20 Ca. md. for 3 10 gain'd in Weight in taking the Account Remains.			73	2	20

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George &ct. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I receiv'd on the 28th. of April at noon a paper entituled Copy of a Charge exhibited by the President & Council of Fort St. George against Mr. Charles Peers one of the members of the said Council and attested at the bottom to be a true Copy by Mr. Joseph Walsh Secretary in which I am required to deliver an answer by this day, to a Complaint said to be made against me by Mr. John Peal Ensign.

Accordingly to shew all possible deference to the Commands of this Honble Board I now give in this as an answer thereto saving to myself all advantages of Exception hereafter to be made althô the manner of proceeding against me if it be not chargeable with several bad Consequences is at best very uncustomary for you have never signified such your resolution to me personally nor is it any where notified therein that the same hath passed your approval or was drawn up by your order & direction neither are there any proofs whatever brought of the Facts there alledg'd.

But I must first observe to you Gentlemen that I lye under very considerable difficulties in the doing this, because for want of having had an opportunity hitherto of knowing what has been urged in the Case & so far it can support so heavy a Charge or of confronting my accusers (for by the Nature of it there must be more than one in number) I cannot but be very much at a loss how to act, so that I will again offer to your Notice that it is very hard measure to have a Complaint laid against me in so loose & general terms, that at the same time carries with it many greivous reflections on my Conduct & must affect even my well being. Therefore before you proceed to any determination of the Matter I do with all respect insist upon & demand as my

undoubted right & priviledge, a free hearing & to face any who shall have a Complaint to prefer against me and all that is left for me to do here is to recapitulate the passages which happen'd on this occasion.

After leaving Mr. Salomon's house we pass'd by the Choultry Guard in our way home but just as we had turn'd the Corner in order to go up the street towards the fort the Bamboo of the palankeen broke upon which we got out of it laughing at the accident only, though it's very likely the Palankeen fellows might make some noise among themselves on it's happening as indeed it is generally usual with them; but at this Instant the Ensign (as it proved) for on his first appearance being undress'd & in his Banyan Coat I did not know him, came from off his Cott & in a very haughty manner cry'd out, " None of your disturbance Gentlemen, go along if you don't, I'll confine you on the Guard; I said for what? That we had made no disturbance but he might confine us if he thought proper, upon which he told us " so he would if we continued to make a disturbance, that he really thought by our Noise that the town was on fire " and I reply'd, " He could scarcely judge so by any we had made, but that he might do as he pleas'd ". It's not impossible but finding myself insulted without cause I might talk pretty loud to him, but I did not treat him with any Ill-manners & by this time having pretty well recovered himself he found I was one of the Company upon which he said " He was sorry to find Mr. Peers was there ". I answer-ed he had no Occasion to be so for that I did not know we had Comitted a fault, nevertheless if he thought convenient to confine us he might, when I beleiv'd he would find who had really committed a disturbance " thinking he had used me ill without just reason. Whereupon I left him & said I would go to the Main Guard & acquaint the Captain with what had happened ", during our discourse with the Ensign here Mr. Foxley said, " He thought it was impertinent in him to use one of the Council as he had done & told him he did not appear on his Guard in a proper Garb, as an officer & Mr. Henry Salomons said he was but just risen from off his Cott & could not well judge bidding him ask the serjeant & Corporal of the Guard if we had made any disturbance; being come to the Main Guard Gate which was shut I knocked there & desired to speak with the Captain who after a small time came down from his room to me on the parade, I inform'd him of what had passed at the Choultry, whereupon he ordered the Ensign to be call'd up, but immediately afterwards I said, Captain Eckman can you send for the Ensign off his Guard? to which he answered " Yes Sir I have sent for him ". I replied, " You be pleas'd then to send sombody to take care of the Guard, here seems to be a good sober serjeant or two here, & he said again, " I'll see the Guard taken care of ". After the Ensign was come up Captain Eckman asked him why he had stopp'd the Gentlemen as they were passing by? who told him because we made a very great Noise & disturbance. I assured Mr. Peal hereupon That there was no noise other than what might be from the breaking of the Bamboo, and as we had not made any disturbance if he would only say so it would be sufficient & I wou'd have nothing more to say to it ", but he answered " No sire I can't say so " and upon this I said to Captain Eckman " Then Sir you'l please to relieve the Ensign & keep him here till the morning till you can acquaint the Governour with what has happen'd which he promis'd to do telling us it was usual to report to him every morning from the Guards ". In talking with Captain Eckman, but whether before or after the Ensign was come up I cannot positively recollect, I did tell him If he did not care to concern himself about it I would go & acquaint Mr. Fowke & further " That as we or the Ensign must be in the wrong, to put either us or him on the Guard " to which he gave for answer " I'le take care of him " & so ordered the Gates to be opened to let us out of the town.

These are the most material passages that I can recollect, which I have faithfully set down to the best of my remembrance, and where any Expressions are made use of, because the stress of the argument lyes there, I have been particularly careful to keep to the very words that were spoken as near as my memory can at this distance of time suggest to me, for I was not solicitous enough about the Consequence as to commit them to paper forthwith having no manner of suspicion that it would have run to any length, much less have taken so extraordinary a turn.

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This account then being expressly contradictory to the allegations in the Charge I will take the Liberty to remind this Honble board that it will be but just to examine proper Witnesses & Testimonies concerning the general Character that Mr. Peel bears, in Competition with ours on which I dare depend so far that we shall not be found to deserve the Imputation cast upon us of being disorderly persons, all of us have been many years upon the spot & for myself I will challenge any man to charge me with having ever given any proofs of my being disposed that way.

It was on Thursday the 22d. of April at night or rather between the hours of twelve & two (the twenty third) in the morning that this accident happen'd & not on the Saturday night following as is set forth by the Charge, what should occasion so wide a mistake in so necessary a point of the time I will not take upon me to determine but it is apparently so, & I hope I shall be indulged in taking the advantage of it.

I desire it may be considered that we had passed one Guard (at the Middle Gate) in coming from Mr. Salomons house without any Interruption which may be accepted as some proof that we did not advance to or approach the Choultry Guard with great noise & disturbance, but in examining to this point you will please to observe the necessary distinction to be made in the Circumstance of our being loud or (as Mr. Peel terms it) noisy, whether it was before or at the time of our being engaged in discourse with him.

Again, If the Ensign thought he had reason to be apprehensive of so much danger as he express'd or indeed of any, how can he stand excused for being so far unprovided against it, as to lye unconcern'dly upon his Cott (to take no notice of his being undressed) whilst we passed his Guard which he had actually done some paces before the Bamboo of the palankeen broke.

I am charg'd with having hereupon in a most unseemly & unwarrantable manner insulted & threaten'd the said Ensign. I hope you will consider this particular as it seems to be the most material one with all the attention it deserves. As to my behaviour then which is aggravated into an Insult & the Expressions I used which are misconstrued into menaces I can only refer you to the preceeding account of the whole transaction because I have not been permitted yet to look my accuser in the face, but as I believe he will not be able to prove more or other words upon me than I have already acknowledged I hope the Interpretation of them will not be strained to such a degree considering with all that besides it being natural for any man to be provoked at an Injury, my station might engage me to resent this the more, from a person to whose promotion I had contributed, by my assent to the giving him his Commission.

You cannot but observe likewise that the very inconsiderable Circumstance of knocking at the Main Guard Gate in order to make our Complaint known to the Commander, is nevertheless worked up into a matter of so much Consequence as to have given a General alarum to the whole Guard, & that I am said to have DEMANDED to speak with the Captain in as peremptory a manner as if I would have made him come down otherwise by Compulsion. I need not say that such prejudiced representations of things will always serve to render a cause suspected.

I will confess to you freely Gentlemen that I am pretty much a stranger to the exact Rules of Garrison discipline so that very possibly I may have committed an Error in using any Instances with the Lieutenant in Command to confine the Ensign, or perhaps in making application to him at all. If it be so I am ready to acknowledge it to you in the amplest manner, however the Lieutenant seems then to be the most blameworthy of the two, for he should better have known his duty than to have complied, & he is the Less excusable on this score if as the Charge sets forth he took so much pains to convince me that it was not only an irregular but an unjust proceeding. But after all I beleive you will find upon Enquiry that the Ensign was return'd to his guard & not put under Confinement.

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It is the Intention which distinguishes the Action & by which it ought to be judged. So whereas to insult Military Officers upon duty does certainly tend to the subversion of Government, surely it cannot fall under that Censure to be unluckily betray'd into an unlook'd for difference without carrying it on to any Overt Acts of violence for I am confident it will appear absurd to you to imagine in the least that we had any designs in View against the peace & welfare of the Garrison.

I must account it a very great misfortune to lye under the odium of a Charge but as I am free on that account to urge anything in my own behalf I would in the next place recommend to you to consider that the subject Matter of Complaint is not for any Infidelity to our Hon̄ble Masters or Breach of trust committed, so that whilst I have not in violation of our common Oath of Fidelity to them or our Covenants been unfaithfull to their Interest in committing any Enormities they particularly provide against such as of abusing the trust they repose in us by vexing & distressing the Inhabitants, whether by Extortion under the specious pretext of perquisites not allowed by them or by any other means, wilfull mismanagement or misapplication of their Revenues, Embezzlement of their Goods, Corruption & acts of Violence, Waste of their money or overcharges in the prices of Goods bought with it & the like. I say while I have not only kept my hands clear of all these Crimes & my Character free from the Imputation of any of them, but have done the Company some services too which have been approv'd I will not fear so hard a fate as to fall for one single I may call it slight indiscretion which has not been attended with any ill Consequences nor are any likely to follow it.

Suffer me to add to this that as we are all accountable to our Employers for our actions whilst we continue under their protection, so they have given us stated rules which they call their Standing orders for our Government in all points that have fallen occasionally under their Notice, And because Common Justice and our Laws which are founded upon it requires that every thing should be taken in the most favourable Construction they do positively direct by their said Orders that no member of their Council shall suffer suspension or be expell'd from their Service otherwise than for plain Infidelity in the particular cases enumerated above or for other such flagrant crimes. For this please to be referr'd more immediately to the 109th. Paragraph of their Letter dated 3d. February 1719.

I shall only trouble you further to acquaint you that I had address'd myself to the Governour upon this occasion & it never entered into my thoughts that it should have been brought so publickly upon the stage, nevertheless since it has been improv'd so greatly to my prejudice & so much will depend on your determination upon the matter, I doubt not but you will consider coolly & hope you will be inclin'd to judge favourably of the premises. I am

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your faithfull humble Servant
Charles Peers.

Fort St. George
3d. May 1731.

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nicolas Morse.

Monday the 10th.

The Sea Customer represents to the board that four of the large Beams for weighing goods under his charge are worn out & desires he may return them to the storehouse & that three new ones may be delivered him in Exchange, which is agreed to. Three new beame dd. the Sea Gate.

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Storekeepers acco^t. read.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads that account for the Month of April ballance due to him two hundred fifty four Pagodas twenty eight fanams & twenty six Cash 254. 28. 26 which are now paid him.

Land Customers acco^t. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer reads that account for the last Month vizt.

Choultry Customs .. .. P^s.	491	27	62
Ruby Brokerage	106	33	64
Registring slaves	2	—	—
Pag^s.	600	25	46

ballance due from him five hundred eighty seven pagodas thirty five fanams & forty six Cash 587. 35. 46 which are carried forward.

Guns and Anchors tarr'd.

The Storekeeper representing to the board that the Guns & Anchors lying here for sale are liable to rust ORDERED that they be tarred to prevent it.

Indent for Ship George d^d.

The Storekeeper presents to the board a list of sundry necessaries for the George which Captain Pye had demanded of him & which he is ordered to deliver & the particulars are entered after Consultation.

Charges Victualling the Party of Soldiers from Tellicherry paid.

Captain Hunt presents a Bill for victualling twenty eight Military men from Tellicherry hither amounting to seventy one Pagodas twenty four fanams 71. 24. — which the Paymaster is ordered to pay & the account is entered after Consultation.

Letters read.

General Letters read Viz^t.

From Fort S^t. David.

N°. 35 From the Provisional Cheif & Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 4th. Instant inclosing their Cash accounts & requesting a supply.

From Capt^t. Saunders &

N°. 36 From Captain James Sanders of the Cadogan advising that he designs for Negapatam & desiring a letter of recommendation to the Government there to be supplied with what he might want.

from Tellicherry.

N°. 37 From the Cheif & Factors at Tellicherry dated 14th. Ultimo advising they have returned us twenty eight men of the detachment sent them.

A letter to Negapatam sent.

AGREED to write to Negapatam agreable to Captain Sanders's request.

Indent of Wares from Beng^ll. d^d. in.

The Warehousekeeper presents a List of sundry wares wanting from Bengal which are ordered to be indented for by our next Letter.

Report of the W. Coast acco^t. d^d. in.

Messrs. Hubbard, Hyde, Burton & Morse deliver in their report of the West coast Books & Papers which is read & entered after this Consultation.

Alterations made among the Companys servants.

AGREED That M^r. Hyde be Import Warehousekeeper in the room of M^r. Peers, M^r. Monson Searcher at the sea gate instead of M^r. Foxley & M^r. Gee under the Export Warehousekeeper.

Rentall Generall Impowerd to distrain for rent.

The Rentall General acquaints the board that the Rents for the two Gardens under his care have been due some time and that he has daily called upon the persons to pay him but they have on one pretence or another put him off.

ORDERED that in case they do not comply in a short time that he do distrain upon their ground & Effects.

Reasons for Deesenting to Mr. Peer's suspention d^d. in.

Messrs. Hubbard & Morse deliver to the board their reasons for dissenting to the resolve of last Consultation relating to M^r. Peers which are entered hereafter.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

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To M^r. Augustus Burton

Sir

Please to order for the service of the ship George Viz^t.

20 pounds of 15, 20 & 30 penny Nails.
2 Bags of salt.
1 Barrel of Tarr.
2 Maunds of dammer.
10 Gallons of Oil for d^o.
5 d^o. Wood oil for paint.
12 Thimbles.
12 Staples.

I am
Sir
Your humble servant
John Pye.

Fort S^t. George
May the 8th. 1731.

The Honble Company				D^r.
To provisions for 28 Military men 23 days from Tellicherry to Fort S^t. George @ 4 fanams ℔ day each ..	Pa^s. 71	24	—	

Fort S^t. George
May the 24th. 1731.

Jno. Hunt

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have in obedience to your orders examined the several papers & accompts receiv'd from Fort Marlbrough ℔ Ship George & now offer what remarks we have made thereon.

We observe the Mountague in her passage from S^t. Helena touch'd at Batavia & the reasons Captain Keat gave were that he had sprung his Main mast which is usual to demand in writing & to have them enter'd on the Consultations when a ship makes any deviation in her Voyage.

In Consultation of the 12th. of September we find they had determined to send the Mountague hither with what pepper they should have ready, but on the arrival of the George with the Letters from hence to them advising the Cadogan's laying the year round & of there being a larger Tonage in India than was likely to be provided for, they agreed in Consultation of the 26th. October it would be more for the Company's Interest to dispatch her for Europe althô she might want somewhat of her Tonnage, but they have succeeded so well as to be able to compleat her loading which will be very satisfactory to our Honble Masters; however it must be a standing rule to them the Orders in the General Letters from Europe to send the ships over to this port when they have not the best grounded assurances of sending them from thence in the season which will save demorage & prevent what happened to the Princess Anne Anno. 1727.

We observe the frame that was design'd for the long boat prov'd rotten that is some of the ribs, for the Keel & several of the ribs were of Teak wood & sound when laid & could not possibly decay in so short a time, it was set on foot for the tryal of the Carpenter & the charges are very inconsiderable, the Teak wood having been got at Pulo Tecus out of a wreck'd prow & cost the Company nothing; The two small Sloops Expedition & Experiment had a thorough repair and were thought to be made serviceable for a long time, but the former sunk at her moorings in the Carang occasion'd as they beleive by the holes they found bored in her bottom which they suppose to have been done by the pyrates to prevent her being sent after them and

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upon a survey of her by Captain Keat & his officers it was found she would cost more to repair than she was worth, upon which she was order'd to be sold at outcry together with the Wreck of the other sloop the Experiment which was broke to pieces on the bar of Sillebar river the 2d. of September last, so that now the Company have no boat & Mr. Newcome proposes to Your Honr. &ct. to ship the Company's Goods according to their rate of Tonnage at one dollar ℔ Ton from Marlbrough & one & a half from Sillebar which by their calculation of what it has cost the Company since these sloops were built woud lessen the Charge considerably, but we are of opinion that charge had not run so high if those sloops had been built as they ought to have been and not made out of old prows which was the occasion of their always being leaky on the least shake or knock they often have had a long side of the ships or on the Bars for such vessels cannot be rightly caulk'd & secured as the planks are put together in such a manner as not to admit of it; besides it is to be further considered that the Patroons & Lascars were serviceable in the Gunroom & lessen'd that Expence. Your Honr. &ca. having now frames of boats to send over thither which were built for the use of that settlement & proper you will please to determine whether you will please to accept of Mr. Newcome's proposal or have these boats set up & employ'd in the Company's service by their people, we compute that the Company will pay annually for six hundred Tons of Goods laden & unladen aboard & from their ships & vessels in that service which according to Mr. Newcome's proposal the Company are to pay Vizt.

The ship from Europe taking in half her Lading at Marlbrô will be about		175	—	—
The George from Madrass		120	—	—
The sloop if only one Trip ℔ ann.		80	—	—
Goods laden on those Vessels on their return & ballasting about		100	—	—
Pepper, arrack & Sugar from Sillebar abt.		125	—	—
		600	—	—
besides any extraordinary services				
at Marlbrô 475 @ 1	475			
Sillebar 125 „ 1½	187½			
		662½		
Two Europeans for two boats @ 8 each		192		
		854½		

This is as near a Computation as we can make of what the Company must pay for boathire annually & we are of opinion there ought to be always two good Boats ready for the business & two persons who understand working them, & a proper Compliment of men put on board for we cannot be of opinion with the Deputy Governour there that one European & four Lascars are sufficient for the business, because in case of sickness of the person or any disaster to one boat the other may be employ'd or else the ships must wait a considerable time for their Cargoes as we have given Yr. Honr. &ca. an account of what Mr. Newcome proposes as to the Charge of Boathire & our opinion thereon we shall now proceed to lay before you an account of the Expence in case these boats are mann'd by the Company's people Vizt.

Charges of two Europeans & ten sailors for one year			
2 Europeans 1 Moth.	16	—	
1 Carpenter	4	2	
2 Caulkers	8	—	
7 Lascars	24	2	
	53	—	
	12	—	
			636
so that allowing no Extraordinary Services there remains			218
			854½

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to go towards the cost & charge of repairing the boats & these people will be all serviceable in the Gunroom when they are not in the boats & part may be employ'd in Mr. Newcome's trading Vessels, in his pay at those seasons & hereby the Companys Effects will be very secure as their boats will be well mann'd & always ready for their business.

The salt sent them they represent to be not sufficient for the Consumption of the Inhabitants and the supplies from Java have fail'd thô the Java Noquedah's had all possible Encouragement given them wherefore they propose the sending over the Europe ship in order to be return'd them with salt & other necessaries, which if they could be certain of a full loading of pepper for her on her return might answer the design very well; but as that ship in such case must leave the West Coast by the first of August at furthest they will scarce be able at that time to fully know if they shall have sufficient to compleat her lading on her return & in case of failure she will not be able in all likelihood to come over here again & save her season for Europe & then she must continue on demorage the George must be kept on the Coast to take in the pepper at Anacksoongey, and her four Months charges together with the delivery of the pepper at Marlbrô & afterwards regarbling it & sending it aboard will be a considerable Expence. Yr. Honr. &ca. will therefore be pleased on our having stated the case to give such directions as you shall esteem most proper.

As to the sugar & arrack Plantation we find they have not been able to make any great progress in, as Jibb left the ground but thin & the number of persons so few together with the difficulty of contracting with the Mallays to fence & clear the ground which are the reasons that they could not comply with the directions Mr. Morse left for setting a good number of Canes they have entertain'd some Mallay debtors to assist in the business, but if some Nias or Coffry Slaves could be sent them it would certainly contribute to set that work much forwarder, because the stay of Mallay debtors is very uncertain, the purchase of them hazardous & not much to be expected from their Labour; the sugar now receiv'd is much the same as what has been usually sent & the sugar Candy with a little more Improvement would sell well and as it is dear at present we beleive this parcel will sell at Sixteen to Eighteen Pagodas ℔ Candy, however they will be able to judge on the sales here whether the sugar or that made into Candy will answer best & take measures accordingly; the arrack they have sent no musters of, but if it is kept up to it's right strength & Goodness we think the Quantity made will be satisfactory considering the Circumstances they are under, for want of a large number of Canes, it will be necessary for them therefore to increase the number of Toddy trees in order to have a larger supply of that Liquor in future, and to endeavour if possible to hire persons to clear the Ground for planting of sugar Canes which will be much cheaper than keeping a number of slaves for that work. Yr. Honr. &ct. will observe what they write concerning Jibb & your determination concerning him is desired; his debt after having valued his stock at the plantation & sales of his other Effects amounts to six thousand six hundred & Eighty six Dollars three sucas & twenty seven Cash which they are of opinion is desperate, we esteem it to be preferr'd his leaving that place rather than continuing there and we have no opinion of his being serviceable at the plantation notwithstanding his promises, for thô his present Circumstances put him upon making these offers yet it is not to be expected that he that could not manage well for himself, will do it now for the Company, and he has too much sense not to know what sort of behaviour that will discover, wherefore we beleive it will be best he should be sent hither where his Industry may get him a livelihood.

The building the house at Laye & sending for the pepper from thence has had the Effect desired & given great satisfaction to the people & the continuance of the same will no doubt engage them to greater Industry as they will now enjoy the fruits of their Labour in a larger degree than what they were a long time accustom'd to; the sending them salt or using any methods that may encourage them in their business is always to be done and a strict watch must be kept over such as shall any ways endeavour to prevent the putting in practice the orders that have been sent

from hence and establish'd there to this purpose for the greatest hopes of a large Quantity of pepper entirely depend upon it & therefore such as dare to oppose so good a design calculated for the Interest of the Natives as well as the Company ought to be shewn a just displeasure be they Leading men or any others. We don't observe that there are as yet any shedds built to the s°. ward according to what was wrote from thence ℔ Marlbrô in January last, & the orders from hence ℔ George, but suppose they will be undertaken before this time as that at Laye has succeeded so well.

We think it will be very necessary the orders should be put in Execution for frequently taking Surveys not that there is occasion to take the account of the Number of trees every time, but to see that the plantations are kept in good order, & what new ones are set about; the Gentlemen there having by this means a knowledge of what is doing may issue out proper orders & spurr on the Tardy for every one who has been on that Coast must know there is little dependance to be had on the Pangarans & Dupattys in respect to their inciting their people to Industry they being far more ready to set them to gaming & cockfighting than planting & the little authority they even have is seldom made use of either to the advantage of the Company or their dependants. It will be happy if they can by any means be brought to a better Consideration or to deserve even the Gratuity they have now.

The Company have long since been advis'd of Manna & its being capable of producing a large Quantity of pepper and their orders are to give all encouragement to such as bring them pepper but to be at the charge of a Residency & keeping a party of men there sufficient to quell any differences that may happen amongst them would in all likelihood make the Expence so high as not to answer the design. For some years past we find there has been Buggueses of the Marlbrô party residing there which it may be proper to continue and the having an European there some part of the year may be found to be serviceable, to whom directions may be given for the Improvement of the Country & it will not require any great Expence to build a house & shedd for the person who is to reside there & the pepper that may be brought.

As the Title of Pangaran was usurp'd by Pangaran Neore & neither father nor son having shewn themselves worthy of any favour We think the Deputy Govern^r. & Council in the right to give the son only the title of Raja Calippa which is what belongs justly to him and nothing greater at least till he has by a proper length of time given convincing proofs that he has had the Company's Interest at heart & has promoted it in the Country of which he is head.

It is absolutely necessary to keep a watchfull Eye over Side Ibrahim; the eight Dusans are certainly a nest of Villains and he has them at his beck, but as he has desired & obtain'd a pardon for his former Crimes & put himself under the Company's protection & engaged to be dutifull & obedient in case he should continue such practices as plundering the people on the frontiers, an opportunity may be taken to tell him that his behaviour is contrary to his Engagements; the Gentlemen certainly ought to be cautious of involving the Company's affairs in troubles & if they think the force they have not sufficient to prevent his going upon such Enterprizes, they ought to represent it to the board, for 'tis most probable that when he finds he can carry on his designs under the Eye of the Government without controul he may in time proceed to arm himself against them & the Evil spread so far as not to be easily removed. The turning out of the bounds the Impostor (as he is call'd) was very proper & the death of him may be fortunate. This may prevent the sowing of sedition amongst the people & the designs of such as were endeavouring to create disturbances.

Dupatty Abdull Momen has agreed to make a Coffee plantation & the Gentlemen have allow'd him thirty Dollars ℔ Bahar of five hundred Sixty six pounds & one Dollar ℔ Bahar Gratuity as ℔ Consultation of 6 November last. Such contracts should be always in writing the Copy entered after Consultation and the Counterpart signd by the person lodged in the office, to which recourse may be always had & especially if the party is found neglecting or tardy in his performances which is always

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to be expected from the Mallays, the price fix'd with the Dupatty may be proper at first in order to set an Example to persons to make plantations; but we beleive it will be found to be too great to be given when there is any Quantity as the Dutch Company have such large parcels yearly now in Java which by report is sold at six Rix Dollars ℔ Pecul of 132 lb. so that they will be able to send it to Europe at more than 34 ℔ Cent cheaper than ours, the French have likewise large Quantities at their Southern Islands of Mauritius & Don Mascarine.

Wherefore we are of opinion that thirty one Spanish Dollars ℔ Bahar be only engag'd for during the term of five years commencing from the agreement with the Dupatty which for that time may be a stated rate to be given to him & others who shall set forward that business and this will according to their accounts allow a proper time for it's Growth & coming to perfection & the having it sent to Europe for a trial of the Market & the Hoñble Company's further pleasure be known concerning it, when they may enter again on new Contracts & agreements as shall be directed. In the mean time we beleive it will be for the Company's Interest that no money should be advanc'd & that no Mallay should under this pretence neglect the planting of pepper but every house keep up to their agreements.

It will no doubt be very satisfactory to our Hoñble Masters to hear the Sultan of Anacksoongey has complied with his promises & Engagements & increas'd the pepper plantations in his Country & that he continues hearty in their Interest as it will be also to find that the several parts of the Country round Marlbrô have by the care that has been taken some years past to keep the Natives in peace & at their business furnish'd a full Lading for a ship to Europe in the season.

The row of buildings along the North East Curtain is near compleated, the want of Carracoys & good Jagary to strengthen the Chinam has prevented the entire finishing them, which they now desire may be sent them, the Conveniencys in the Gunroom & Storehouse are very necessary as is the prison for Criminals & stairs at the Corps du Guard, likewise the building the Smith's shop out of the Old Cookroom & the platform at the seaside all which we think have been well done & with frugality & Mr. Newcome's care therein deserves commendation.

As to the making of the Causeway we don't know how far it may contribute towards the strength of the Fort but as it is represented to be of benefit to their Healths & to supply their Garrison with fish our Hoñble Masters we presume will not think much of laying out one hundred Dollars to such purposes.

If the making the West point secure & defensible can be done with a small Charge it will be well, otherwise we can't but think it more for the Company's Interest that the Bastion should be built that so the Fort might be compleated whilst Mr. Newcome is there whose Experience in such business will be of service as likewise the hospital which appears to be a very necessary work.

The lowness of the Fort Walls have been a long time complain'd of & the digging the Intrenchment will serve to give it a better aspect & add to it's security, but care must be taken that those Intrenchments do in no degree prejudice the foundation Walls, least that which was design'd for it's benefit should prove otherwise.

The rebuilding the Timber shedd was very proper as there were materials on hand which must have a place to preserve them from decay & the Weather. It will be of service if Joseph Coles can succeed in making good Tiles as they are much more secure from Fire than Attops Coolycoys or any covering in that Country.

They propose when the shipping were gone to make an end of the Terrass work & go on the foundation of the lodgings for the Company's servants & hospital, they represent the Deputy Governour's house to be rotten in the foundation & a failing in the roof of the pepper Godown which last they propose the immediate repair of for the security of the pepper. The top is of wood & ill contriv'd in the fixing of the Windows.

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The Resident of Moco Moco has agreable to the directions Mr. Morse left, made some small repairs in the Paggar & is raising the points with the help of the slaves. Their giving him leave to write off & sell the things mention'd in Consultation of the 28 May, we don't see anything could be objected against as part were decayed & useless. The West building being entirely decay'd & fallen down & the materials applied to the repairs of other buildings and nothing now remaining may also be wrote off.

The Gentlemen there are apprehensive the Arrack & Ophium licence will not let in future for as much as the present farmer has given, & the reason they urge is that the Farmer alledges there are not so many Buggueses in the Company's service as formerly, there has been no reduction of them lately, so that we don't know whether this is not a pretence of his in order to get the farm cheaper. The Deputy Governour & Council will no doubt cherish & support the Company's Revenues as it is their duty & as it will be acceptable to their Employers and therefore they should be fully persuaded of the matter of Fact, before they permit a report to have any weight with them and if it proves so as the farmer represents It must be submitted to, for the Farmer must certainly propose & obtain some advantage for the trouble & pains taken in the business.

The Arrack License at Moco Moco is in our opinion a grievous hardship to the poor military there who are the persons that cheifly take off that Liquor of the Farmer & are oblig'd to pay near ten shillings ℔ Gallon & being afflicted with agues in that climate & it being damp & moist somewhat extraordinary is requir'd there for their support of Life, but the dearness of the Liquor which they will have takes away all their money & does not leave them sufficient for warm & good Cloathing & necessary provisions by which many die & is a great Loss to the Company. The Opium & Arrack Farm join'd together produces no more than fifty five dollars ℔mensem. Wherefore we are of opinion that it would be better that what arrack is sold there be delivered out of the Company's Godown at a certain price whereby the Military would be cheaper supplied & proper Quantities be given them & the Company would be near as much gainers as when let to farm & greater if the Loss of their military is considered. As for the Ophium Licence the dearer the Natives pay for it the better, those who take it being idle & worthless people & are usefull in no other way but in supporting this revenue.

The salt continues under the same regulations which Mr. Morse left it & is not let to farm for want of the supplies from Java & we beleive it will be best to continue it in the same way only to try if the Natives will not be willing to pay half money & the other half Exchange for Grain whereby the Garrison & slaves will always have a supply of rice & there will be none on hand to spoil if the other half is paid in ready money, & the business be managed to the Company's advantage by disposing of it to each part of the Country in equal distributions in proportion to the number of Inhabitants.

The Expences of the settlements on that Coast from April 1729 to May 1730 amount to twenty eight thousand sixty nine dollars & fifty two Cash, whereof eight months were in Mr. Morse's time & four in Mr. Newcome's & is lessen'd one thousand five hundred & forty dollars three sucas & ninety four Cash, which is in the Article of Moco Moco Residency Garrison &ca. incident charges, & we beleive can scarcely be reduced much farther & there appears to be a due care & frugality in them.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George — Your most Obedient Hum. Servants

May 3d. 1731.

James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.

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To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

An order having passed in Consultation of the 3^d. Instant for the suspension of M^r. Charles Peers from the Honourable Company's service till their determination should be known We desir'd leave to dissent & to give our reasons which are

That though M^r. Peers desired & insisted upon the persons being called before the board & there to declare in his presence what they had to alledge against him yet that request (so just and reasonable in our opinion) was denied him which we know not any Instance of it's being done before in cases of the like Nature where all the party's have been present & M^r. Peers might thereby be prevented from disproving several things in the accusation & as his charge was laid in such general terms it did more particularly require to have all that they had to say on the occasion declared before him, & he heard in what he had to offer in his own vindication.

That on reading & duely considering the charge together with the answer to it the Character he bears in the place & what declared by M^r. Wentworth at the board we are of opinion that charge is not fully made out against him, nor do we find he has insulted the officer on Guard or made any other Noise than what he mentions; That as he therein declares his willingness to make the most ample acknowledgements to the board for what he said to the Captain in order to the Confinement of the Ensign (who however was not confin'd) that we think such an acknowledgement might be accepted for the very reason he urges of his not being so well acquainted with the rules of Garrison in this case, and because We think with M^r. Peers the manner of the Officer's treating him at first not altogether so decent as might be expected to Gentlemen of his station in the Company's service which seems to us to be the cause of his shewing such a resentment & the rise of the dispute. On the whole we beg leave to say that we think M^r. Peers's Behaviour in a private way has been regular & well & with Credit and in the Company's service as he has recited in his answer that he has been diligent & faithfull in every respect. In consideration of all which & what now laid to his charge We cannot be of opinion he in any manner deserves to be suspended and therefore we have thought ourselves oblig'd to enter our dissent that it may appear to our Honourable Masters we have not given our Consent to the removal from their business a person for such a matter attended with no ill Consequence nor done with any ill design, who hath always acted with the greatest diligence, Fidelity & Integrity in it. We are with respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum. Servants

Fort S^r. George
May the 10th. 1731.

James Hubbard.
Nic: Morse.

Brigantine Patna John Standard arrived from the Malabar Coast. 3

Ship Southgate John Hodder saild for Pegue by whom sent a General Lett^r. to the Resident dated the 1st. 4

Sent by Peons a Gen. Lett^r. to Tranqubar of Yesterdays Date. —

Jenny Grabb Robt. Rey came in from Fort S^t. David Bro^t. a General Letter. 6

Ship S^t. Antonio Lewis Roderic arrived from Surrat. 7

Brigantine Moobarac arrived from [*lacuna*]. —

Ship Margaret Ann Capt. John Hunt arriv'd from Tellecherry by whom Receivd a general Letter from thence and on her Returnd the Party of soldiers sent thither. —

Receivd by Peons a Letter from Capt. Saunders of the Cadogan. —

Ship Maham'd Bux saild for Ballasore. 9

Brigantine John, John Parsons arrivd from Bengal. 10

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11 Sent by Peons General Letters to Nagapatam and Capt. Saunders of the Cadogan.
12 Brigantine Francisco Xavier came in from Pondicherry.
– Ship Betty Thomas Dixon & Ketch Josiah in Company arrived from Goa.
– Ship Midlesex John Pelley arriv'd from Surrat by whom R^d. Gener^l. Letter from Bombay & Brigantine Patna sail'd for Bengal
14 Ship Balls [*lacuna*] Lewis & ship Joye James M^c.Gill arrived in Company from Bombay..
– Receiv'd by Peons a General Letter from Capt. Saunders of ship Cadogan.
15 Brigantine Francisco Xavier saild for Pegue.
16 Brigantine Moobarac saild for Bengall.
– Receiv'd by Peons a General Letter from the Commandant of Tranquebarr.
18 Ship Middlesex Capt. John Pelley saild for Bengal.
– Ship Walpole belonging to the Honble. Company Capt. Chas. Boddam Com^r. arrived from Great Brittain by whom Receiv'd a Packet from the Court of Directors.

At a Consultation

Present

Wednesday 19th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nicolas Morse.

Letter from the Court of Directors ℣ Walpole read.

General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors by the Walpole Captain Charles Boddam to this Presidency & Copy of one from them to Fort Marlbrough by the James & Mary read & the other papers in the packet being examin'd with the list were found right.

Silver &ca. ℣ Walpole Orderd on shoar, & a Comtt^e. appot^d. to examine the silver.

Ordered that Captain Boddam do send ashore the silver & military men consign'd to this place as soon as possible & that Messrs. Hubbard, Burton & Hyde be a Committee to examine the said treasure.

Rupees to be sent down by her to Bengall.

Ordered that as much of the said Silver as can be coin'd in time be got ready to send to the Bay on the Walpole.

Letters read.

General Letters read Viz^t.

From Bombay.

N°. 38 From the President & Council of Bombay dated 23^d. Ultimo advising the arrival of the King George Galley & that they had ordered our Military to be return'd us from Tellicherry.

From Capt. Saunders.

N°. 39 From Captain James Sanders at Negapatam dated 9th. Instant advising that he cannot get any provisions & shall be oblig'd to put back to Fort S^t. David or this place ; he further adds that there is a large Dutch ship of 50 Guns & 250 men lying in Tranquebar road & that he can get no Intelligence of any Ostend ship on the Coast except that in Tranquebar road.

From Ingeram &

N°. 40 From M^r. Sanderson at Ingeram dated 2^d. Instant giving an account of troubles in the Country but that he has on hand upwards of fifty 50 Corge of Cloth, desiring a supply of Cash & leave to repair or build godowns.

Tranquebarr.

N°. 41 From the Governour of Tranquebar dated 23^d. Instant N.S. accompanying a Counterprotest N°. 42 in answer to the protest we sent them.

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On reading which the President. inform'd the board that the Dutch ship in Tranquebar road mention'd by Captain Sanders was sent thither by the Government of Negapatam to curb the Ostend ship there & prevent her getting away as he had been inform'd in a letter from the Governour of Negapatam who had wrote him the motives of what they had done & desired to know if we would send any of our ships to join them, which being debated,

The board at last agreed that an answer be sent thither to tell them that as we have but one ship yet arrived & that the settlement of Bengal is in great want of money & other Europe Commodities for their immediate supply we cannot send her, but that if there be occasion when our other ships come we will send one.

Answer agreed to be sent by tne President, to Nagapatam about sending a ship to lie over the Ostendr. in Tranqubarr Road.

The Storekeeper presents to the board a list of stores necessary for the George which he is ORDERED to supply all but what were supplied on the demand made the 10th. Instant.

Indent for ship George omply'd with

He likewise delivers a Bill for Impress for one Month amounting to one hundred & ten pagodas twenty four fanams 110. 24. — for that ship which is ORDER'D to be paid & the two lists are entered after this Consultation.

& Impress &ca. paid.

ORDERED that the Accomptant do prepare a Calculate of the yearly Expences of that Vessell & a Computation of what freight ought to be allow'd her to clear those Charges.

A Calculate of her Expences annually orderd to be prepared.

G. M. PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

INDENT for stores wanting ⅌ Ship George May 1731.

Thimbles	12
Staples	12
Hand lines	6
Hambrô lines	12
Log lines	12
Marlines	24
Tin Lanterns	4
Wooden Do.	2
Sail Needles	24
Boltrope do.	6
Palms	6
Speaking trumpet	2
Wax Candles	4 Mds.
Fine Twine	1. 5 lb.
Half minute Glasses	1
Deep sea lines 2	Pze 35 lb.
Tallow	5 Mds.
Dammer	14 do.
Lamp Oil	180 Meas.
Salt	2 Bags.
Mats	2000
Firewood	600
Coir Cable of 12 Inches	1
Single Blocks	60
Anchor Stock	1
Wood Oil	1 Jar

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Cotton thread	3 lb.
Boat Oars	12
New Buoys	2
Dungaree	30 p^{ces}.
Iron Europe	1 q^{r}.
Nails	⊕ 1 — 14 lb.
Tar ...	2 Barrels.
Holland's Duck	1 Bolt.
Anchor Europe 1 p^{ze}.	⊕ 4 q^{rs}. 2. 9 lb.
Cordage Europe 9	43. 3. 24
Iron Ordnance mounted for Ballast	
4 old Guns p^{ze}.	⊕ 21 q^{rs}.1 11 lb.
1 do.	3 1 4.
5 Patercroes	3 3 16.
Brimstone	4 M^{ds}.
Country Powder	9. 14 lb.
Country Match	5 M^{ds}.
Powder Barrels	2
9 Boats Water	

John Pye

For a Month's Impress for the ship George Viz^{t}.

John Pye Commander @	Pag^{s}.	18	6	—
1st. Mate		12	—	—
2^{d}. d^{o}.		10	—	—
Gunner		5	—	—
Sarang		5	—	—
1st. Tendall		4	—	—
2^{d}. d^{o}.		3	—	—
Carpenter		4	—	—
Caulker		3	—	—
Noqueda Saab		2	18	—
4 Helmsmen @ $2\frac{1}{2}$ each		10	—	—
17 Lascars 2		34	—	—
	Pag^{s}	110	24	—

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John Pye.

19 Ship Latchmepersat saild for Ballasore.

— Sloop Union Joseph Lovel arrived from Bengal.

22 Receivd by Tappys General Letters from Fort S^{t}. David and from Capt. Saunders of the Cadogan.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday the 25th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Robert Symonds Esqr.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nicolas Morse.

Journal Parcels read.

The Accomptant reads the Journal parcels for the Month of March.

Export Warehouse $acco^{t}$. read.

Randall Fowke Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for last Month ballance due from him Eighty seven pagodas, thirty one fanams & twenty one Cash 87. 31. 21 which is carried forward.

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Randal Fowke Sea Customer reads that account for last Month Vizt.

Sea Customers accot. read.

Custom on Goods imported	Ps.	2414	24	28
Do. on Grain		765	7	56
Anchorage		45	—	—
	Ps.	3224	32	4

ballance due from him six thousand four hundred ninety three Pagodas twenty seven fanams & forty four Cash 6493. 27. 44 of which he pays two thousand 2000 Pagodas.

John Roach Paymaster reads that account for last Month Vizt.

Paymastrs. accot. read,

Charges Garrison	Ps.	1242	19	45
Charges Cattle		66	24	—
Charges Hospital		42	17	—
Charges General		459	34	30
New Grainery		55	25	5
Fort Marlbrough		31	17	—
Charges Extraordinary		1	12	—
Charges Diet		583	12	—
Bombay Presidency		25	—	—
Repairs of Fortifications		125	2	15
	Pags	2633	19	15

&

ballance due to him & now paid One hundred thirty three pagodas nineteen fanams & fifteen Cash 133. 19. 15.

The Extraordinary Expence on examination was found to arise from the following particulars.

Extraordinary Expence reported.

New Grainery.							
Workmen employ'd amot. to	Ps.	17	30	—			
Materials used..		37	31	5	55	25	5
Fort Marlborough.							
Allowance to Raja Ooaloodean &ct. ..		10	—	—			
Dieting two prisoners & boathire		21	17	—	31	17	—
Charges Extraordinary.							
The Marshal's Note for dieting two prisoners here					1	12	—
Bombay Presidency.							
Allowance Money to the widow Burton & her Children					25	—	—
				Pags.	113	18	5

The President reads the Cash & Mint accounts for last Month ballance of the former one hundred Sixty seven thousand nine hundred & four pagodas seventeen fanams & fifty nine Cash 167904. 17. 59 which is carried forward, ballance of the other due from him forty five thousand seven hundred & fifteen rupees eleven anaes 45715. 11 which are carried forward & Eighty nine Pagodas eighteen fanams & forty Cash 89. 18. 40 which he now pays into Cash.

Cash accot. read, & Mint accot.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash five hundred eighty seven pagodas thirty five fanams & forty six Cash 587. 35. 46 being the ballance of his last month's account.

Land Customrs. ball. pd. in.

Petition from Ooaloodean son of the late Sultan of Moco Moco as entered after this Consultation read & granted praying leave to send for his family over here.

Sultans Family permitt'd to come over from the W. Coast.

Charles Peers Import Warehousekeeper pays into Cash Eleven hundred Sixty eight Pagodas thirty four fanams & fourteen Cash 1168. 34. 14 in full of his last Month's account, And

Import Warehousekr. ball. paid.

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Acct. remains of the Impt. Warehouse signd.

He & Mr. Samuel Hyde interchangeably sign the account remains in the Import Warehouse delivered over by the former to the latter which account they also signed in the book kept for that purpose.

Treasure ℔ Walpole reported to be right.

Messrs. Hubbard, Hyde & Burton report that the treasure by the Walpole came out according to Invoice.

Report of the Expence of ship George aLrualy.

James Hubbard Accomptant delivers to the board a report concerning the Expences of the George & of the freight &ct. which ought to be allowed her in order to clear the same as entered after this Consultation which being considered & agreed to,

Resolved that we advise hereof in our Letter to Fort Marlbrô that they may Comply therewith.

Salt Petre sent up from Bengal damaged.

The Warehousekeeper having on receiving the saltpetre by the John Brigantine found a deficiency of eleven bags & several others damaged he refused to deliver the Captain up his Bill of Lading ; whereupon the Captain presented a request to the board, setting forth that the Loss & damage proceeded from the bad weather he met with in his passage & desiring his Bill of Lading might be delivered up which being considered, it was Agreed to referr the affair to the President & Council of Fort William to make it up with his Owners.

Money advd. for purchase of Paddy.

Ordered to advance the Export Warehousekeeper two thousand 2000 Pagodas to purchase Paddy.

Letters read.

General Letters read Vizt.

From Fort St. David,

No. 43 From the Provisional Cheif & Council of Fort St. David dated 20th. Instant requesting a supply of Cash & acquainting us that their measuring Cowle is expired and that they can't let it at the old rate.

& from Capt. Sanders.

No. 44 From Captain Sanders of the Cadogan dated 17th. advising that he shall put back to this port not being able to procure what he wants at Negapatam.

Proceedings about a new Contract.

The List of Investment from Europe being taken into consideration the President remarked to the board the ill performance of the Contracts lately made & added that he was of opinion That the two sets of Merchants being united all Emulation was at an end, that therefore they grew careless & indifferent in their business & so shamefully neglected the provision of Cloth that we had been obligd even to fill up one of the last year's ships with saltpetre & other goods for want thereof & that therefore he was of opinion it would be better that they should contract separately which opinion the Board joining in they were called in & a contract for one thousand Bales each being proposed to them Sunca Rama told the Board he would contract on no terms unless he had first that fourth of the Broad cloth return'd him which had been given to Tomby Chittee, which the board did not think fit to comply with having already come to a resolution on that affair.

A Contract concluded wth. Tombe Chitte only.

Tomby Chittee having first agreed to a Contract for one thousand Bales hearing Sunca Rama refuse to contract & it being proposed to him by the board undertook for the whole Quantity if the terms could be agreed on ; accordingly after some arguments It was at last fixed on the following Terms.

1st. That the Cloth should be provided by Tomby Chittee & brought into the Godowns well cured.

2d. That the President & Council should value it at sorting with proviso that if Tomby Chittee did not consent to such valuation he should have Liberty to keep the Cloth.

3d. That he should be paid monthly for what so received.

4th. That he should take all the Broad Cloth this year expected at thirty five 35 ℔ Cent advance & pay for it all by the 1st. of May next.

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5th. That if he did not provide the said two thousand Bales he should pay twenty ℔ Cent on the value of the deficiency only in case he shall have provided sixteen hundred 1600 Bales by the last of February; the penalty on the rest shall be forgiven.

ORDERED that fifteen thousand 15,000 Pagodas be advanc'd him on this Contract. Money advanced thereupon.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeeper pays into Cash fourteen thousand & seventy six pagodas, twenty one fanams & fifty four Cash 14076. 21. 54 on account of Broad Cloth delivered to Tomby Chittee. Broad Cloth dd. Tomby Chitte and paid for.

G. M. PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HONᴮᴸᴱ GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF OOALOODEAN

SHEWETH

That your Petitioner having been some time absent from his Wife & Child & being very desirous to see them humbly begs Your Honours leave for to let them come here,

And Your Petitioner shall ever pray.

TO THE HONᴮᴸᴱ GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HONᴮᴸᴱ SIR & SIRS

According to your order of the 19th. Instant we have examined the silver that came upon the ship Walpole & find it comes out right. We are

HONᴮᴸᴱ SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY THE 20TH. 1731.

JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.

TO THE HONᴮᴸᴱ GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.

HONᴮᴸᴱ SIR & SIRS

In obedience to your orders of last Consultation I now lay before Your Honour &ca. a Calculate of ship George's yearly Expences & of freight necessary to be allowd her in order to clear her Charges which I submit to Your Honour &ca's. Consideration.

SHIP GEORGE's Wages for 12 Mos. @ pas. 110. 24 ℔ mens. amts. to	Pags. 1328	—	—
STORES for the same time I compute will one year with the other amount to about .. .. but when she wants to be fitted it will come to a much larger sum	672	—	—
	Pagos. 2000	—	—

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As TO THE FREIGHT proper to be allow'd her, I must observe to Your Honr. &ct. this Vessell was in the year 1717 credited for every Trip to the Westcoast Pags. 800 since which time she has been kept to no certain Sum for her freight but credited sometimes more & sometimes less & very often nothing at all by which means she is risen to the sum of Pags. 18728. 28. 45 in the General Books; but as the aforesaid 800 Pas. ꝑ Trip was then found not to be equal to her Expences I now propose she be credited each trip for what she carries for the Company Pags. 1000 — —

The 4 ꝑ °/o freight on goods permitted to be sent the Gentlemen at the West Coast will be one year with the other about ... ... 150 — —

Besides these I think it would be proper to allow her for freight on what Goods & stores she may at any time carry from Fort Marlbrô to Moco Moco 5 ꝑ °/o on the Value & 10 ꝑ °/o on the amount of sugar, arrack &ct. she may bring from the West coast hither. As she may sometimes be employ'd to fetch pepper from the Northern settlements to Marlbrô I propose she be credited 2 Dollars for every Bahar so brought up & if they shall have at any time occasion to send any upon her hither she may then be allow'd 4 Dollars ꝑ Bahar for freight which I beleive is about equal to what is paid on that Commodity whenever freighted from the Malabar Coast to this place.

By these allowances I reckon if this ship makes 3 Trips to & from the West Coast in 2 years her Earnings will be about equal to her charges, but if she makes 2 in a year as it is very probable she will, they will much exceed her charges, which overplus will not only serve to clear any extraordinary Expences when there is occasion to fit her, but to lessen something annually of the very large sum she now stands charged at.

I am with all Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient humble servant

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 24, 1731.

JAMES HUBBARD
Accountt.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I beg leave to acquaint Yr. Honr. &ct. that there was laden by the Honble Presidt. & Council at Bengal on board the John Brigantine 250 Bags of Salt petre consign'd to Yr. Honr. &ct. on accot. of the Honble Company. In my passage I met with bad weather which has occasion'd the loss of 11 bags & damag'd 14 more that happen'd by the Vessel's lying under water for several hours & not through carelessness or any other accident.

I had a great deal of reason to beleive there was more damage which made me at my arrival in this port protest against the seas Wind &ca.

I therefore pray my Bill of Lading may be delivered to

HONBLE SIR &CA.

Your most obedient hum. servant

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 14 MAY 1731.

JOHN PARSONS.

25 Ship Sarum Richard Pearce arrived from Surrat.

— Sloop Ramah Came in From Fort St. David.

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Ship London belonging to the Honble. Company Robt. Bootle arrived from Surrat in Company with, 26

Ship Drake belonging to the Honble. Company John Houghton. —

Brigantine John, John Parsons saild for Bengal. 27

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Present

THURSDAY THE 27TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. NICOLAS MORSE.

New Contract signd.

A Contract for two thousand, 2000, Bales of Calicoes agreable to the terms mentioned in the last Consultation was produced, approved & signed by the Board in behalf of the Hon̄ble Company on the one part & Tomby Chittee, Moota Vencaty Chitty & Tagapah Chitty on the other part as entered in the Cowle Book.

Mo^y^. advanced Export Warehouse-keep^r^.

Randal Fowke Export Warehousekeepper requesting money to pay for Salt & other goods provided for Fort Marlbrô ORDERED that two thousand 2000 Pagodas be advancd him on that account.

Silver to be purchased from Pondecherry.

The President informs the board that he has receiv'd a Letter from the Governour of Pondicherry to tell him that if the Company has occasion to purchase silver from them he desires to be advised to what amount it will be, which being considered it was AGREED to purchase as much as we had of the old Current Coin in the Chest & the President was desired to tell him we should want about one hundred & thirty thousand Pagodas worth.

G. M. PITT.
[*Lacuna*].
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG : BURTON.
NIC : MORSE.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 31ST.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD. SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. NICOLAS MORSE.

Money advancd Paym^r^.

The Paymaster requesting money to defray Charges for the Month of June ORDER'D that two thousand five hundred 2,500 Pagodas be advanc'd him.

Petition of the Surgeon of the Walpole read request^s^. payment of the usual head money for four soldiers brought out of England as by his request enter'd after this Consultation which is ORDER'D to be paid by the Paymaster.

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Creditts in accots. of the Estates of Julius Gollop & William Maskalyne.

Mr. Morse presenting to the board two Certificates from Fort Marlbrough for the amount of the Estates of Mr. Julius Gollop & Lieutenant William Maskelyne lying in the Company's Cash there & requesting the payment of the same ORDERED that the money be paid him.

Mr. Gee returnd to his station at W. Coast, &

Mr. Charles Gee being nominated in the Commission appointing Mr. Everest Deputy Governour of Fort Marlbrough, third of Council there, being now returning to his station ORDERED that he be allow'd thirty 30 Pagodas for his passage & that twenty 20 pagodas each be paid to him & Mr. Goddard for the Charges of their return, they having served three years on that Coast.

a Surgeons mate entertaind.

One Gerrard White offering his service as Surgeon's mate for Fort Marlbrough & being recommended as a fit person for the Employ AGREED that he be entertain'd in that station at the salary of twenty 20 pounds ℘ annum & ten 10 Dollars ℘ month diet money, and that he be advanc'd thirty 30 pagodas on account of his growing salary and allowed fifteen 15 pagodas for charges of his passage.

Letter to the West Coast ℘ ship George dispatchd.

General Letter to Fort Marlbrough designed by the George dated this day read & approved as also the Captain's dispatches.

ORDERED that the ship sail on Wednesday next.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is humbly to desire Your Honour &ca. to order me the payment of my head money for taking care of four soldiers in their passage from England to this place which according to custom is ten shillings a head. I am,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & humble Servant

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH. MAY 1731.

WM. JOHNSTON,
Surgeon of Ship Walpole.

JUNE 1 Receivd by Peons a General Letter from Vizagapatam.
— Ship London belonging to the Honble. Company, Robert Bootle saild for Bengal.
2 About Noon Mr. Joseph Walsh, Senior Mercht. Departed this life.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 2D.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
ROBERT SYMONDS ESQR.

RANDALL FOWKE.	JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.	SAMUEL HYDE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.	NICOLAS MORSE.

Companys Cash examined on the Death of the Secretary.

The Governour acquainted the board that having at noon this day heard of the death of Mr. Walsh in whose hands he had always left the Keys of the Cash Chests agreable to the practice of former Governours, he had sent Mr. Torriano for the Keys to Mrs. Walsh who after they were tied up in a Cloth & Sealed by Mr. Walsh's apprentice delivered them and that he had now summoned the Council to open the Chests & examine the Cash. Accordingly,

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Mr. Green apprentice to Mr. Walsh being sent for & the keys shew'd him he told the board the seals were the same which he had by order of Mrs. Walsh put on them; they were then unsealed & the Cash counted in his presence he being desired to stay in behalf of the deceased's Estate while it was doing.

The Cash being then counted out was found as follows.

In Current Pagodas with the Shroffs seal				Pas. 130000	—	—
In Madras Pagodas do.				17000	—	—
In the New stamp M Pagodas do.				5000	—	—
In loose money				651	—	—
In fanams seal'd bags Vizt.						
1 Bag	100	35	4			
1 do.	87	35	46			
6 do. each 100	600	—	—			
10 do. ea. 335	3350	—	—			
5 do. ea. 583. 12.	2916	24	—			
1 do.	48	16	—			
1 of doodoes	—	7	32			
				7104	10	2
				159755	10	2

Then the Cash account being called for was found to be brought up only to the 30th. April but an Extract of the several Receipts & payments since that time taken out of the Consultations being made & a draught of the Cash Account from thence drawn out, it appeared that the ballance of Cash according thereto was One hundred Sixty three thousand, one hundred eighty four pagodas, three fanams & fifty eight Cash 163184. 3. 58 so that there appears to be a deficiency in the Cash of the sum of three thousand four hundred twenty eight pagodas twenty nine fanams & fifty six Cash 3428. 29. 56; but Mr. Walsh having delivered some moneys to the shroff, Ordered that he do attend next Consultation with his accounts.

when there appeard a difficiency.

Mr. Burton having yesterday to pay the Impress for the George receiv'd of Mr. Walsh Six hundred 600 Pagodas for which no Entry was made reported the same at making out the Cash account; but he having closed his storekeeper's account for May the said sum is order'd to be brought to the credit of Cash for the Month of June; he also produces the account of Impress amounting to four hundred fifty Pagodas & twenty four fanams 450. 24. — which is entered after this Consultation.

Money advanced Storekeeper.

Impress to ship George pd.

Agreed that Mr. Torriano be Secretary in the room of Mr. Walsh & that Mr. Graham be upper Searcher at the Seagate & Mr. Bulkley Sub Accomptant in the room of Mr. Torriano.

Alterations among the Companys Servants.

Mr. Symonds requesting leave for Mr. Goddard to come up from Fort St. David on some urgent business he had for him Agreed that a Letter be dispatch'd to Fort St. David to that purport.

Mr. Holland Goddard pmitted to come up from Fort St. Davd.

General Letter No. 45 From the Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam dated 7 May read giving an account of Mr. Davis's arrival & of the troubles occasion'd by Hodgee Hussain.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

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For four months Impress for the George from June 15th. 1731.

Capt^{t}. John Pye Commander @ P.	18	6	P^{s}.	72	24	—
First mate	12	—		48	—	—
Second D^{o}	10	—		40	—	—
Gunner	7	—		28	—	—
Syrang	5	—		20	—	—
First Tandel	4	—		16	—	—
Second D^{o}.	3	—		12	—	—
Carpenter	4	—		16	—	—
Caulker	3	—		12	—	—
Nocadasahad	2	18		10	—	—
4 helmsmen @ 2 18 ea	10	—		40	—	—
17 Lascars @ 2 ea	34	—		136	—	—
P^{s}.	112	24	P^{s}.	450	24	—

JOHN PYR.

2 Sent by Peons a General letter to Fort S^{t}. David.

4 Ship Sarum Richard Pearce, saild for Bengal.

— Sloop Ramah Returnd to Fort S^{t}. David.

5 Ship Cadogan belonging to the Honble. Company James Sanders, Returnd to this Port after having beat up the Coast to the Southward as far as Nagapatam.

6 Ship George belonging to the Honble. Company, John Pie sail'd for the West Coast by whom sent a General Letter to Fort Marlbrô Dated the 31st. Ult^{o}.

7 Sent by Peons General Letter to Vizagapatam and Ingeram.

8 Ship Drake belonging to the Honble. Company John Houghton Saild for Bengal by whom sent a General Letter to that Presidency of Yesterdays Date.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 10TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. NICOLAS MORSE.

A further difficiency in the cash appears,

The Accomptant reports that on examining the Cash account for April with the other Months accounts he observed that the Mint Master had charg'd in his account, for that Month the produce of Gold receiv'd from China ℔ King George Galley being eleven thousand seven hundred twenty four Pagodas eighteen fanams & ten Cash 11724. 18. 10 as paid into Cash, which was not brought into the Cash account which being examined & found to be as he reported, the Mint Brahminees were sent for & declared that M^{r}. Weston had paid the said Sum to M^{r}. Walsh & the Shroffs likewise declared they were present at the delivery thereof. Then the state of the Cash as taken last Consultation being examin'd it was found that there was of that species of money

then in the Chest	Pa^{s}.	5000	—	—
& the Paymaster had receiv'd at twice		3000	—	—
the Warehousekeeper		2000	—	—
the Storekeeper		1454	—	—
the Paymaster also had receiv'd his ballance		133	—	—
		11587	—	—

& which being very near the whole sum it appears very plain that the said money had been paid in but not brought to account.

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The shroffs then, according to the agreement in last Consultation, being called upon to lay the account of his transactions with M^r^. Walsh before the board told them that he had receiv'd several parcels of Fanams of M^r^. Walsh to change into pagodas which as fast as he changed he paid M^r^. Walsh for and the particulars thereof being demanded he gave in the following accounts Viz^t^. proceedings

Receiv'd in August of Mr. Walsh in fanams ..				Pags. 9670	20	72
Paid him in money which he endorsed on the back of the Note				3000	—	—
Paid him more for which he gave me five separate Notes two of which five notes were in Suncarapareek's Name				5500	—	—
Paid the Paymaster in Febry. ..	2500	—	—			
Ballance more pd. him	44	13	45			
	2544	13	45			
Deduct what rec'd in fanams of Mr. Walsh	1900	—	—			
				644	13	45
Paid Batta on Madrass Pagodas				236	9	—
Paid D°.				28	22	—
Paid Suncarapareek Interest				13	20	—
Paid more to d°.				9	12	—
				9432	4	45
Ballance due to Mr. Walsh				238	16	27
				9670	20	72

That in making up this account with M^r^. Walsh in April last he had cancelled the Note he gave him for the amount of the said fanams & advanc'd him more in fanams five thousand one hundred eighteen Pagodas twenty fanams 5118. 20. — for which sum M^r^. Walsh took of him a note for ten thousand Six hundred eighteen Pagodas twenty fanams 10618. 20. — and to make up the five thousand five hundred 5500 wanting he left in his hands the five notes mentioned in the above account which five notes he produced to the board & made out his acco^t^. in the following manner.

Gave a note for				Pas. 10618	20	—
The said five notes in his hands .. Ps.	5500	—	—			
Paid the Paymaster for May & June	2000	—	—			
Paid Terwaddee	498	16	—			
Paid Sheva	40	—	—			
Paid Tagapa Chitty	162	32	—			
Paid his Conicoply	500	—	—			
Paid for silver for a Palankeen ..	150	—	—			
				8851	12	—
				1767	8	—
And the ballance of the first account				238	16	27
Remains due to Mr. Walsh				2005	24	27

thereupon.

which sum being demanded of him he answered that it was in fanams he receiv'd the money & not all collected in but that in two or three days he would pay the money.

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Then the board asked him if he knew whether it was usual for M^r^. Walsh to take the Companys money for his own Use answered he knew not what M^r^. Walsh might have done further than that he had seen him take out Current Pagodas & carry them away & at other times put Madras pagodas into the Chest.

The last account of the shroffs transactions with M^r^. Walsh is found to correspond with two papers found in his Escrutore of his own handwriting One of them being a List of the several Sums paid him in fanams amounting to five thousand one hundred eighteen Pagodas thirty three fanams & sixteen Cash, the other an account wherein he gives the shroff Credit for several small sums paid on his account & on the other side of the paper are indorsed the following figures.

5500	—	—
5118	33	16
10618	33	16

Which makes out the Note, the shroff mention[s] only a difference of thirteen fanams & sixteen Cash 13.16, the two Notes are entered after this Consultation.

There was then produced a rough draft supposed to be a sketch of his Estate taken by himself wherein it appears that he had employ'd a great part of the Fine levied on Ancona when he was sheriff in his own affairs as also that he gave the shroff credit for a large sum there which account is also entered after this Consultation.

There was also another paper of M^r^. Walsh's produced which agreed with the first account given by the shroff excepting only one hundred 100 Pagodas which was by a false casting up of M^r^. Walsh he making the shroffs note amount to Nine thousand seven hundred & seventy Pagodas twenty fanams & thirty two Cash 9770. 20. 32 instead of Nine thousand six hundred & seventy Pagodas twenty fanams & thirty two Cash 9670. 20. 32 as the shroff proved by producing the account particulars of the fanams paid him which was cast up at the board & found to be a mistake of M^r^. Walsh's.

A Comm̃. appt^d^. to examine into the acco^ts^. of Receipts and Disburstments During M^r^. Walshes time.

From all which accounts it appearing very plain that M^r^. Walsh had made use of the Company's money & there being a probability that there might yet be some other mistakes a Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Fowke, Hubbard & Morse to inspect the accounts for the preceeding year & report the state of the Cash.

Journal Parcels read.

The Accomptant produces the Journal parcels for the month of April.

Letter from Fort S^t^. David.

General Letter N°. 46 From the Provisional Cheif & Council of Fort S^t^. David dated 5 Instant inclosing an indent for wares & their Cash accounts for the last two Months.

Wares to be sent there.

Ordered that the Wares indented for be sent them by the first opportunity.

Letter from Nagapatam ab^t^. seizing the Ostend ship read & an answer to it agreed to be sent.

The President Produces to the board a Letter from the Governour & Council of Negapatam proposing to seize the Ostend Ship in the road of Tranquebar & desiring to know if our orders from England will empower us to join them.

Agreed to write that our ship which is arriv'd was dispatch'd from England in a hurry upon extraordinary business & cannot therefore be spared & that therefore till our other ships arrive we cannot give them an answer to their Letter.

Stores for the sloop building at Pegue sent.

The Storekeeper produces a list of stores necessary for the sloop in Pegue which are Order'd to be sent on a Ketch now bound thither, and

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Captain Berriman having sent only the timbers of the two boats for Bencoolen, AGREED to order him to send plank for them on the first Conveyance.

Plank to be provided for the boats for the use of the West Coast.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

Copy of the First Loose paper of Mr. Walsh's referred to in the Consultation.

3	583	12	1750	—	—
2	360	—	720	—	—
1	..	..	335	—	—
1	..	..	280	—	—
1	..	..	187	22	11
1	..	..	150	—	—
1	..	..	118	18	72
1	..	..	140	—	—
1	..	..	120	8	53
			94	13	—
			78	—	—
			80	—	—
			71	4	21
			4124	30	77
			205	—	—
			56	23	24
			100	35	1
			48	3	74
			583	12	—
			5118	33	16

Copy of the second paper.

DR. SHROFF. CR.

By Interest on Suncara Paddocks Note of 1000 from the 31 Octor. 1730 to the 31 Decemr. followg. 2 mos. 1 d.	13	20	—
By Interest on Suncara Paduck's Note of 1000 from the 15th. Febry. to the 30th. March 1 mo. 12	9	12	—
By Batta on 512 Mads. Pags. @ 3¼ ..	16	22	—
By Cash advd.	12	—	—
	51	18	—

8TH. APRIL 1731.

Memorandum: On this Paper is endorsed the following figures.

5500	—	—
5118	33	16
10618	33	16

DR.

To Collatee Chittee's Son	2000 — —	By adventure with Kelsal	1550 — —	
		advance 15 ℔ Ct.	232 18 —	
Kistna	1000 — —			1782 18 —
Ancona's Accot. recd.	5500 — —	By adventure on the London sold for (bot. 1772)		2777 18 —
Sundries	1000 — —			
Vishvinada ..	2000 — —	By Do. on the Craggs about	1550 — —	
House rent (Exclusive of Godowns).	150 — —	advance 10 ℔ Ct.	155 — —	1705 — —
	11650 — —	at Bengal ..		6265 — —
due to Goodenadar Conny Coply ..	132 23 40	Concerns in shipping Vizt. on the Canton Merchant	2000 — —	
		Manilha Ship	500 — —	
	11782 23 40	Elisabeth	533 12 —	
Nina Chittee ..	1000 — —			3033 12 —

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Copy of the Third paper.

				[9298	12	–]
Responda.						
Mr. Court	1000	–	–			
Mr. Cooke	2000	–	–			
Mr. Campbell	500	–	–			
Noq. Jadoorong	1000	–	–			
Vencataputty	2500	–	–			
				7000		
Private adventures to China in silver					–	–
℘ Mr. Stephenson	478	10	–	} 1180	–	–
Campbell	1000	–	–			
Adventure to Trincombar remains.				1225	22	—
Olibanum				250	–	–
Maggadooties Gunneys &ca. remains. abt. ..				600	–	–
				19553	34	–
Debts						
Mr. Rous .. .. .. abt.	1000	–	–			
Walker	500	–	–			
Anchupa Conicoply	631	23	70			
Terwaddee .. .. .. abt.	500	–	–			
Raggoner	79	24	–			
				2711	11	70
				22265	9	70
30 Candy Wax				1133	–	–
Advanc'd for purchasing Chints				1000	–	–
Paid boat hire for Do.				55	–	–
Lent on a Mortgage of Rubies				600	–	–
Due from Capt. Bootle & smll. debts				150	–	–
				25203	9	70
An Elephant				300	–	–
Responda. to Arracan last year				350	–	–

Copy of the Fourth paper.

Paymrs.										
2500	–	–	advance.	Paid 1 Bag				1000	–	–
44	13	45	Balla.	1 Fans.				500	–	–
				1				400	–	–
2544	13	45								
								1900	–	–
								644	13	45
								2544	13	45
180	–	–		batta on 9000 @ 2⅝ ℘ Ct.				236	9	–
45	–	–		My notes	5500	–	–			
11	9	–		Recs. for	3000	–	–			
								8500	–	–
236	9	–		balla. above				880	22	45
644	13	45								
								9380	22	45
880	22	45		his note for				9770	20	32
								389	33	67
				balla. of private Accot.				511	18	–
								338	15	67
								9770	20	32

10 Sent by Tappies a General Letter to the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David.

13 Brigantine Carrangbux came in from St. Thome.

15 Receivd by Peons a General Letter from the Resident at Ingeram.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R]. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
RANDALL FOWKE. JOHN ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
AUGUSTUS BURTON. NICOLAS MORSE.

THURSDAY THE 17TH.

Poncala Kistna & Rama Chundra Tobacco & Betle Farmers pay into Cash Eight hundred thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one Month's rent of that farm due the 5th. Instant. Rents paid in of the Beetle farm,

Poncala Kistna Farmer of the Arrack & Wine licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five 335 pagodas for one Month's rent of that farm due the 5th. Instant. Arrack farm,

Pasqual, Diego &ca. fishing farmers pay into Cash fifty 50 Pagodas in full for one year's rent of that farm due the 25th. March last. Fishing farm,

Daveroy Moodelaire Renter of the paddy fields pays into Cash seven hundred & ten 710 Pagodas in full for one year's rent of that Cowle due the 30th. September last. Paddy feilds.

Gooroo Chittee & Terupeddu Town Brokers pay into Cash four hundred 400 Pagodas for six Months rent of that Cowle due the fifth March last. Town brokerage &

Quotambaucum Gruapa farmer of the measuring duty pays into Cash five hundred sixty six pagodas & twenty four fanams 566. 24. — being for eight Month's rent of that Cowle due the 20th. May last. Measuring duty.

The Nabob having wrote for the Town rent ORDERED that it be paid being twelve hundred 1200 Pagodas. Town rent paid.

The Accomptant produces the Bengal Account Current which is ORDER'D to be forwarded on the Walpole. Acct. Current with Bengal Presidency sent.

John Roach Paymaster reads that Account for last Month Vizt. Paymrs. acct. read &

Charges Garrison	Pas. 1294	10	—
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges hospital	42	7	—
Charges General	411	15	30
New Grainery	309	2	70
Bombay Presidency	132	29	—
Charges Extraordinary	7	33	—
Fort Marlbrough	125	—	—
Charges diet	583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications	68	4	45
	3040	29	65

ballance due to him & now paid five hundred & forty Pagodas twenty nine fanams & sixty five Cash 540. 29. 65.

The Extraordinary Expence on examination was found to arise from the following particulars. Extraordinary expence reported.

NEW GRAINERY.						
Workmen employ'd	Pas. 34	34	60			
Materials used	274	4	10			
				309	2	70
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.						
The Marshal's Note for dieting prisoners	2	—	—			
Head money for four soldiers from England ℔ Walpole	4	16	—			
Allow'd the soldiers on their arrival ea. 12 fas.	1	12	—			
Boathire for do.	—	5	—			
				7	33	—

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BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.						
Expences on a serjeant & ten Men for days 23	15	—	—			
Jn°. Hunt's Note for victualls. 28 Men	71	20	—			
Boathire bringing the Men ashore ..	—	15	—			
Half a Month's Wages to 17 Men arrived from Tellicherry	20	30	—			
Allowance to the Widow Burton & her Chi[l]dren	25	—	—			
				132	29	—
FORT MARLBROUGH.						
Allowance to Raja Ooaloodean & his Servts.	10	—	—			
Advanc'd Mr. White on acct. of his salary & passage money	45	—	—			
Allow'd Mr. Gee for his passage to & from Fort Marlbrough	50	—	—			
Allow'd Mr. Goddard for his passage hither	20	—	—			
				125	—	—
			Pagos.	574	28	70

Land Customers acct. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer's account read in his absence by the Secretary Vizt.

Choultry Customs .. .. Ps.	493	18	33
Ruby Brokerage	373	2	74
Registring slaves	—	32	—
	867	17	27

ballance due from him Eight hundred fifty four Pagodas twenty seven fanams & twenty seven Cash 854. 27. 27 which is carried forward.

Impt. Warehousekr. pays in money.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeeper by Major John Roach pays into Cash Eleven thousand 11000 Pagodas on account of Broad cloth delivered Sunca Ramah.

Storekeeprs. acct. read.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads his account for the last month Ballance due from him Six hundred eighty eight pagodas thirteen fanams & ten Cash 688. 13. 10. which is carried forward.

Letter from Ingeram.

General Letter N°. 47 From Mr. John Sanderson at Ingeram requesting a supply of Cash.

Supply of Cash sent to Vizagapatam & Ingeram.

The Want of Cash at the two Settlements to the Northward being taken into consideration AGREED that we send them ten thousand 10000 Pagodas for a present supply & that Captain Boddam in the Walpole do call at Vizagapatam to deliver it there.

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AGREED also that Mr. Sanderson have leave to repair Nellepillee house in order to secure the quantity of Cloth he gives us hopes he shall be able to provide this year. Factory house at Ingerã. to be repaird.

ORDERED that the Walpole be dispatch'd on Tuesday next & that all the rupees we have on hand be sent on her to Bengal except eight thousand 8000 for Vizagapatam. Rupees sent ℔ Walpole to Vizagapatam & Bengll.

Messrs. Fowke, Hubbard & Morse deliver a report of the state of the Cash agreable to order of last Consultation which report with a Calculate of the Cash annexed to it are entered after this Consultation. Report of the Cash dd. in during Mr. Walshes being secretary.

Mr. Weston the Assaymaster delivers a report to the board that there is a mistake in the Invoice of silver ℔ Walpole one Cake being invoic'd 12 dwt. better than standard which proves 6½ dwts. worse as by his report entered after this Consultation. Report of a difference in the worseness of a cake of silver ℔ Walpole.

ORDER'D that the Cake be coin'd but that the piece of it which was broke off with the assay piece & Assays be sent to England by the first Conveyance.

G. M. PITT.
RANDALL FOWKE.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have examined the several Entries for the Honble Company's Cash from 14 May 1730 to the 3d. Instt. the time of Mr. Joseph Walsh late Secretary's decease & compared them with the respective Month's accounts delivered & read in Consultation, Receipts given by him for the revenues & all payments & disbursements of whatsoever kind & find that there is wanting Pags. 15899. 14. 26 which Your Honour &ca. will observe by the account thereof herewith delivered you; from some of Mr. Walsh's papers & the Examination of the shroff Vishvinada it appears that Mr. Walsh has made use of the Company's Cash & abused the trust reposed in him by the Honble President who delivered the Charge of it to him on his coming to the Chair & continued it ever since. The above account has been taken with great exactness & the sum of Pags. 15899. 14. 26 is due from the Estate of Mr. Joseph Walsh in our opinion & according to the best of our judgement in the case. We are,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble servants

RANDALL FOWKE.
JAMES HUBBARD.
NICOLAS MORSE.

FORT ST. GEORGE
14TH. JUNE 1731.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1731—

State of the Honble Company's Cash for May.

1	To Ballance brot. from the Month of April	167904	17	59
	To Madrass M. Pags. recd. out of the Mint 30 April & omitted to be brot. to accot.	11724	18	10
3	To Charles Peers Impt. Wareho. keepr. recd. ..	2021	17	20
25	To Randal Fowke Sea Customer recd.	2000	—	—
	To Chas. Peers Impo. Warekr. ballce. of his accot. ..	1168	34	14
	To Saml. Hyde Land Custr. ballce. of April accot. ..	587	35	46
	To Geo: Mor: Pitt Esqr. Mintmaster ballce. for April	89	18	40
31	To omissions now found			
	Arrack rent for April pd. the 15th. .. 335 — —			
	Betle & Tobacco pd. the 15. 833 12 —			
		1168	12	—
	Pagods.	186665	9	29

2	By John Roach Paymaster advanc'd ..	2500	—	—
3	By Augustus Burton Storekeeper ..	600	—	—
10	By Augustus Burton Storekr. paid his ballance	254	28	26
25	By John Roach Paymaster pd. his ballance	133	19	15
27	By Randall Fowke Expt. Warekr. advanc'd	2000	—	—
31	By Randall Fowke Expt. Warekr. advanced	2000	—	—
	By John Roach Paymaster advanc'd for June	2500	—	—
		9988	11	41
	Ballance ..	176676	33	68
	Pagods.	186665	9	29

June

1	To Ballance of the above accot. for May	176676	33	68
	1 Year's rent of Antonio Carvalho's Garden ..	24	—	—
	Pagods.	176700	33	68

June

3	By Augustus Burton Storekr. ..					600	—	—
	By what found in the two Iron Chests							
	Currt. Pagodas ..	130000	—	—				
	Madrass pagos. 17000 - -							
	Batta calculated as the last money was charg'd @ 2⅝ .. 446 9 -							
		17446	9	—				
	M. Pagodas ..	5000	—	—				
	Odd money ..	651	—	—				
						153097	9	—
	Fanams 9 bags ..	3775	22	50				
	14 ..	3280	—	—				
	1 ..	48	16	—				
	Doodas	—	7	72				
						7104	10	42
						160801	19	42
	By Ballance deficient					15899	14	26
	Pagods.					176700	33	68

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1731* —

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Chest of Silver No. 316 recd. into the Mint to coin from on board the Walpole Capt. Charles Boddam is a cake of tested silver mark'd No. 38 Wt. lb. 61 oz. 2 & invoic'd at 12 dwt. better than standard. In breaking the said Cake I find it not perfectly refin'd a large quantity of Base metal remaining at the bottom of the Cake which renders it unfit to be assay'd as appears by the piece now produc'd before your Honr. &ca. by order of the Honble President I have melted the said Cake & the whole being equally mix'd I find it by four several assays to be 6½ dwt. worse than standard, the assays together with the assay piece of the melted silver I deliver to Yr. Honr. &ct. and wait your further directions therein.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servant

Fort St. George
15 June 1731.

Thomas Weston
Assay Master.

Receivd by Tappies a General letter from Fort St. David. 18
Brigantine Carrangbux saild for Bengal.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday the 22d.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nicolas Morse.

Export Warehouse acct. read.

Randall Fowke Export Warehousekeeper delivers in the Warehouse books ballanc'd to the Ultimo April & reads his account for the month of May ballance due from him Six hundred seventy eight Pagodas one fanam & fifty two Cash 678. 1. 52 which is carried to next Month's Account.

Sea Customers acct. read.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer pays into Cash two thousand 2000 Pagodas in part of his ballance for the month of April,

And reads his account for the month of May in which no ballance is brought forward on account that the payments of the ballance in April are to be made in current Pagodas Vizt.

Custom on Goods imported	Ps. 4882	23	32
Do. on Grain	183	26	60
Anchorage	56	—	—
	5122	14	12

ballance of this month due from him five thousand & ninety Pagodas ten fanams & twelve Cash 5090. 10. 12 which are carried to next account.

Cash account read.

The President reads the Cash account for the month of May ballance remaining one hundred seventy five thousand seven hundred fifty three Pagodas nineteen fanams & forty two Cash 175753. 19. 42 which is carried to next account.

Mint account read.

He likewise reads the Mint account for last month ballance due from him five hundred & twenty thousand two hundred twenty five rupees, two anaes 520225. 2. which are carried forward & forty seven Pagodas one fanam & fifty Cash 47. 1. 50 which he now pays in.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1731 ——

Mo: pd. in by the Import Warehouse-keeper & by Rental General & Scavinger.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeeper pays into Cash one thousand Pagodas 1000 in part of his last Month's ballance.

Nicolas Morse Rental General and Scavinger pays into Cash five hundred & fifty 550 Pagodas on the following accounts Vizt.

Shroff duty to ulto. February	Pags. 80	—	—
Rent of the Compas. Old Garden to 15th. April ..	163	—	—
Quit Rents	200	—	—
Scavinger's duty	107	—	—
	550	—	—

General Letter from Fort St. David read.

General Letter No. 48 From the Provisional Cheif & Council of Fort St. David read dated 16th. Instant inclosing the account Proffit & Loss in their Storekeeper's accounts, which for the reasons mentioned in their Letter is allowed of & the Account entered after this Consultation.

G. M. Pitt.
Randall Fowke.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

Fort St. David April 30th. 1731.

Sundry Accounts Dr. to Proffit & Loss Ps. 25. 18. 9 for so much gain'd by the sale of stores this year Vizt.

Iron Europe				Ps. 13	23	41
Saltpetre				3	34	45
Bengal Butter				—	—	22
Plank Teak				—	6	47
Oil Bengal				—	11	38
Arrack Batavia				—	10	11
General stores.						
Steel Ps. 2. 7. 61, Nails fs. 13. 11, Sheet Lead fs. 16. 17.	Ps. 3	1	9			
Rattans fs. 1. betlenut Rippers 5 Cash. Damar fs. 21. 45.	—	22	50			
Lindseed Oil 20 Ca. Wood Oil 75 Ca. Coire fs. 21. 64	—	22	79			
Hatchets 44 Ca. hammers 18 Ca. Garden scythes fs. 1. 6.	—	1	68			
Small shot	—	—	40			
				4	13	6
Gun powder				—	22	50
Cordage				1	3	8
Gunners stores.						
Tin Lantern 74 Ca. Musscovy Light fs. 3. 12, Lead shot fs. 3. 20	—	7	36			
Brass wire 11 Ca. half minute Glasses 37 Ca. bettilas 31 Ca.	—	—	79			
Sail Needles fs. 1. 56, Sail Cloth fs. 1. 46, Twine fs. 2. 2, palms 8 Ca.	—	5	32			
Bengal line 45 Ca. Tar fs. 7. 20. brass Compass fs. 4. 28.	—	12	13			
Armory Stores.						
Flints fs. 3. 62, Red skins fs. 2, black do. 36 Ca. Manila fs. 1. 8	—	7	26			
Drum Cord fs. 1. 43. Wax cloth fs. 2. 2. ..	—	3	45			
				—	10	71
				24	28	19

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Proffit & Loss Dr. to Sundry accounts Ps. 122. 5. 29 for so much lost by stores old & useless by Rust, Rot, Wear, Breakage &ct. to be wrote off Vizt.

	md.	lb												
Iron Europe flat bar	1	$2\frac{3}{8}$	recd. short of Invoice.								Ps.	1	—	77
Saltpetre Cas. 5. 18. 4 Lost on the bar			..									80	8	37
Brimstone 19			..									—	18	25
Oil Bengal one Jar 170 Seers broke in shipping												3	10	10
Arrack Batavia 3 Galls.			..									—	31	2
General Stores.														
Nails No. 3 ⅌ Cas.	—	—	$3\frac{1}{4}$	—	9	48								
6	—	—	$1\frac{1}{2}$	—	3	3								
8	—	2	$14\frac{5}{6}$	3	1	65								
9	—	—	$13\frac{5}{8}$	—	20	19								
Cas.	—	3	$7\frac{11}{16}$				3	34	56					
Small shot			$3\frac{7}{8}$				—	7	60					
Files 6							—	14	20					
												4	20	56
Gunners Stores.														
Tarpaulins four rotten			..	..		Ps.	25	28	5					
Leather Buckets three			..	..			—	14	16					
Handspikes	45		..	..			2	20	37					
Half minute Glasses	3		..	..			—	12	33					
Hour Do.	1		..	..			—	7	13					
Wood Lantern	1		..	..			—	10	67					
Tin Do.	2		..	..			1	—	56					
Steel bits	10		..	..			—	15	34					
Lyn Stocks	5		..	..			—	18	—					
												31	19	18
Armory Stores.														
Bayonet one			..	..								—	4	44
											Pagodas	122	5	29

Errors, Excepted

⅌ Thomas Eyre
Storekeepr.

Sent by Peons General Letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Fort St. David. 22

Ship Walpole belonging to the Honble. Company, Charles Bodham Saild for Bengal by whom sent a General Letter to that Presidency Dated the 22d. 24

Ship Frances belonging to the Honble. Company John Lawson arrived from Great Brittain by whom Receivd a Packet from the Court of Directors. —

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President. — Thursday 24.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nicolas Morse.

Ship Frances Captain John Lawson arriving this day the packet was opened & the General Letters from the Honble Court of Directors read & all the other papers mention'd in the List of the packet were found right. Packet ⅌ ship Frances open'd.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1731* —

Stationary Ware Ordd. on shore.

Ordered that the stationary Ware be sent for from on board.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

24 Jenny Grab, Robt. Rey Master saild for Pegue.

25 Early in the Morning, Robt. Symonds Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David Departed this life.

27 Receivd by Peons General Letters from Bengal and Vizagapatam.

At a Consultation

Present

Monday the 28.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nicolas Morse.

Mr. Fowke apptd. D. Govr. of Fort St. David.

It being necessary upon the death of Mr. Symonds Deputy Governour of Fort St. David which happend on Saturday last to send Mr. Randall Fowke down thither as soon as possible to take care of the Investment & the Company[s] affairs there Ordered that a Commission be drawn out for the appointing him to that station.

The station of Second at Madrass kept vacant.

This remove making a Vacancy in the place of Second of Madrass & it being doubtfull whether the first orders given by our Hon̄ble Masters relating to Mr. Roach do still subsist or whether their having advanc'd him by the Commission sent out to the present President (though for some particular reasons they had advanc'd Mr. Fowke above him) hath superseded the first order It was unanimously Agreed to keep that Employ vacant till the Company's pleasure should be made known with respect thereto.

Removes of offices thereupon.

Ordered That Mr. Roach do receive the rema[ins] of the Export Warehouse from Mr. Fowke & that Mr. Hubbard do succeed Mr. Fowke in the Employ of Sea Customer & Receiver, each keeping their former Employs.

Sea Gate Registers deliverd in by Mr. Fowke.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer delivers in the Re[gis]ters of the sea Customs from April 1723 to December 1730 [which] are delivered the Accomptant, And

Edward Fowke appointed to Fort St. David.

Requesting that Mr. Edward Fowke his son may [be] sent with him to Fort St. David to be employ'd in the Company[s] business there Agreed that he do go.

Import Warehouse-keepers accot. read and money pd. in.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeeper pays [into] Cash three thousand & seventy four pagodas twenty three fanams & twenty six Cash 3074. 23. 26 in full of the Broad cloth sold Sunca Ramah, And

Reads his account for last month ballance d[ue] from him one thousand & eighty five Pagodas sixteen fanams fifty Cash 1085. 16. 50 of which he paid the last Consultation one thousand 1000 Pagodas.

Land Customers ballance paid.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash [Eight] hundred fifty four pagodas twenty seven fanams & twenty [seven] 854. 27. 27 ballance of his last Month's Account.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1731——

General Letters read Viz^t. — General Letters read.

N°. 49 From the President & Council of Bengal dated 29th. April last demanding two hundred & fifty Tons of Redwood & requesting half the Bullion designed them this year may be coin'd in rupees. They also inclose their Account Current with this presidency & desire we will let them know what Quantity of Goods we expect to procure for this year's shipping. — From Bengall &

N°. 50 From the Cheif & Council of Vizagapatam dated the 4th. Instant cheifly serving to accompany the other Letter. — Vizagapatam.

The Gentlemen from Bengal desiring half their silver may be coin'd into Rupees Agreed that the silver on board the Frances be ordered ashore for that purpose & that Messrs. Hubbard & Hyde do examine & report to the board the Contents of the several Chests. — [Si]lver for Bengal ℔ Francis taken on shore.

Agreed further that the Frances be dispatch'd as soon as possible to join the Dutch ship at Tranquebar agreable to our promise to the Governour & Council of Negapatam and that therefore, — [Fra]ncis to be dispatchd to [the] Southward to join a Dutc ship again t an [Os] tender.

The Broad Cloth on board her be also sent ashore till her return. — [Broa]d Cloth on her for Bengall [sen]t on shore.

There being a want of Timbers & plank for the Garden house at Fort St. David and a parcel now in town of the proper sizes for that work Agreed that they be purchased & sent thither by the first opportunity. — [Tim]bers & plank for Fort St. David bought.

Ordered That the Paymaster be advanc'd two thousand five hundred 2500 Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison. — Money advanced paymr.

June 1731.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

Ship St. Antonha sai[l]d for Maccao.	29th.
Sent by Peons a General Letter to Nagapatam.	30
Ship Richmond before the Triplicane Capt. John John Standard saild for China.	July 1
Ship Nosso Senhora D'Piene saild for Macao.	7
Ship Elizabeth Capt. John West arrived from Mocca.	—
Receivd by Peons a General Letter from Ingeram.	8
Sloop Metchlepatam Robt. Mulins came in from Metchlepatam	9
Julia Galley came in from Pondecherry.	11

——FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1731——

At a Consultation

Present

Monday July y^E. 12.

George Morton Pitt Esq^e. Governour President.
Randall Fowke. John Roach.
James Hubbard. Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton. Nich^s. Morse.

Comm^n. for M^r. Fowke signed.

Commission appointing Randall Fowke Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort S^t. David dated this day Read and signd.

Money paid in by Sea Customer.

Randall Fowke Sea Customer Pays into Cash two Thousand four hundred ninety three Pagodas twenty seven fanams and forty Cash 2493. 27. 40 in Current money being the full Ballance of his acco^t. to the Last of April.

Sea Customers acco^t. read.

He also Reads his account for the Month of June vizt.

Custome on Goods Imported	P.	1755	11	64
D^o. on Grain		33	28	44
Anchorage		43	18	—
		1832	22	28

Ballance Due from him Six thousand eight hundred and ninety Pagodas twenty eight fanams and forty Cash P. 6890. 28. 40 in part of wch. he now pays into Cash four thousand five hundred fifty eight Pagodas seven fanams and forty Cash P. 4558. 7. 40 and Delivers to M^r. James Hubbard the Present Sea Customer notes for two thousand three hundred thirty two Pagodas and twenty one fanams for custome to the last of that month not yett collected.

Export Warehouse acco^t. read.

Randall Fowke Export Warehousekeeper Reads that account for last month and pays into Cash the Ballance thereof being three hundred thirty seven Pago^s. thirty fanams and seventy three Cash P. 337. 30. 73 and he &

Account remains in Export Warehouse taken.

M^r. John Roach present Export Warehousekeeper interchangeably sign the account Remains of that Warehouse to each other and also sign in the Book kept for that Purpose.

Jornl^ll. parcells read.

The Accompt^t. reads the Journal Parcels for the Month of May.

Money paid in acco^t. Quit Rent & Scavingers Duty.

Nicholas Morse Rental General and Scavinger Pays into Cash five hundred and fifty Pag^s. 550. —. — on the following acco^ts. Viz^t.

Betteca rent & shroff duty to ult^o. May 3 m^th.	P.	80	—	—
Quit Rents		398	—	—
Scavingers Duty		72	—	—
	Pag^s.	550	—	—

Land Customers acco^t. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer reads that account for last month Viz^t.

Choultry Customes		507	28	16
Ruby brokerage		162	—	22
Slaves		1	12	—
	Pag^s.	671	4	38

Ballance Due from him six hundred fifty eight Pagodas fourteen fanams and thirty eight Cash 658. 14. 38 wch. is Carried forward.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1731*—

The President acquaints the Board that he has Receivd some Letters from Batavia giving advice that the China ships all saild from that Port for China the 14th. May and that M^{r}. Torriano Died Just at their Departure, Inclosed came also a Letter to the Court of Directors.

Letters from Battavia communicated to the Board.

He also Informd the Board that M^{r}. Davis had in a private Letter given him an account that the Crop of Cotton was almost all spoild by the falling of unseasonable rains so that unless he had a supply from hence he could give very little hopes of making a considerable Investment there.

Advice from Vizagapa^{m}

General Letter N°. 51 from M^{r}. John Sanderson at Ingeram Dated the 21st. June advising the Death of his assistant and that Cotton is upwards of forty Pag^{s}. ⅌ Candy.

General Letter from Ingeram.

Protest from the Capt. of the Oastend ship and Copy of one sent by him to the Government of Nagapatam Read and Orderd to be Enterd as also copy of an Examination taken by Capt. Saunders of the Cadogan at Nagapatam of an Englishman who came out of Europe in the Ostender and had Deserted her.

A protest from the Capt. of the Oastend ship & an examination of an English Deserter.

The President produces a letter from the Govr. of Nagapatam advising the flight of the Ostender which is Orderd to be enterd and the Dispatch of Capt. Lawson to the Southw^{d}. being thereby Renderd Unnecessary. Orderd that the Broad Cloth be sent on board Again.

Advice of the Ostend ships flight from Tranquebar on which the intended dispatch of the Francis is laid aside.

Orderd that M^{r}. John Savage be Under the Export Warehousekeeper and that M^{r}. Char^{s}. Floyer continue under the Import Warehousekeep^{r}. and assist in the Secretary's Office in the Room of M^{r}. Savage.

Companys Serv^{ts}. station'd.

Tomby Chitte, Ponkilah Kissna &c^{a}. renters of Trevatore &c^{a}. Villages Pay into Cash twelve hundred & thirty Pagodas 1230 for one Years Rent of that Farm due the 17th. October last.

Rents of Trevatore&c^{a}. villages p^{d}. in.

Orderd that Ten Thousand Pag^{s}. 10000 be sent to Fort S^{t}. David by Peons for a supply of their Cash.

Cash sent to Fort S^{t}. David.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug : Burton.
Nic : Morse.

Sent by Peons General Letter to Nagapatam.	13
Sloop Metchlepatam Robt. Mulins sail'd for Bengall.	17
Juliah Galley Belonging to the French saild for Pegue.	—
Receivd by Peons General Letter from Tranquebarr.	19

At a Consultation

Present

Monday 19th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
John Roach. James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde. Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.

The Nabob having wrote for y^{e}. Cawngohee now Due Orderd that it be paid.

Cawngohee duty paid.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1731* ——

Paymrs. acct. read.

John Roach Paymaster Reads that account for the last month vizt.

Charges Garrison	1261	27	75
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Hospital	42	24	—
Charges General	361	9	35
New Grainery	168	25	5
Charges Extraordinary	3	31	15
Fort Marlbrô	18	—	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
Bombay Presidency	25	—	—
Repairs of Fortifications	102	22	10
House Moveables	1	18	—
	2635	13	60

Ballance Due to him and now paid one hundred and thirty five Pags. thirteen fanams and sixty Cash 135. 13. 60.

Extraordinary expence reported.

The Extraordinary Expence for this month arises from the following articles vizt.

NEW GRAINERY.		
Amount of Workmen Employ'd	5 14 40	
Materials used	163 10 45	
		168 25 5
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.		
the Marshals note for Dieting prisoners	2 19 15	
paid a soldier on christs. his child.	1 — —	
two Bundles of Rattans for the use of the Marshal	— 12 —	
		3 31 15
FORT MARLBRÔ.		
Allowance money to Raja Coeloedean	10 — —	
paid arrears of 1 mth. 10 days to three Lascars arrived from thence @ 2 pags. ₽' Mensm.	8 — —	
		18 — —
HOUSE MOVEABLES.		
two New Chairs for the Garden house		1 18 —
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.		
Allowance money to the Widow Burton & Children		25 — —
		Pags. 217 2 20

Cash acct. read.

The President reads the Cash account for last month Ballance Remaining One hundred eighty two thousand and Ninety five Pags. 24 fanams 182095. 24. — which is Carried forward.

Cash sent to Vizagapm.

ORDERD that six thousand Madrass Pagodas be sent on the Elizth. for a supply of their Cash at Vizagapatam the owners of that ship being Willing she should call there in her Way to the Bay to Deliver Mr. DAVIS what Cotton he shall have Occation for.

& treasure to Bengall.

ORDERD that the forty Chests of Rupees wch. are coind and twenty Chests of silver be sent on board the Frances and that she be dispatch'd on Fryday next.

A letter from Tranquebar.

The President Produces a Letter from the Governour of Tranquebar No. 52 Dated 23d. July desiring the prohibition of Trade with that Port may be taken off.

Answer agreed upon.

AGREED that an answer be sent importing that we will take off the prohibition when we are Certainly assured the Ostend ship has done no business with them nor will be permitted to do any, but that till such time we cannot permitt any Correspondence wch. may turn to her advantage.

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Not having yet Receivd any Directions fro. the Honble. Court of Directors wth. Respect to the ¼ Dr. indulged the owners of the China ship wch. was last year Given and referr'd to them AGREED that it be also given this Year and yt. it be Repaid if Disapprov'd.

Indulgence in silver taken for the China ship taken provisionaly.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

Receivd by Tappies a General Letter from Fort St. David. 20TH.

Sent by Peons a General Letter from Tranquebarr. 21

Ship Elizabeth Capt. John West Saild for Bengall in her Way to call in at Vizagapatam, wherefore sent a Generall Letter to that settlement of this Date. 22

Ship Duke of Cumberland Capt. Benjn. Braund arrived from England by whom Receivd a General Letter from the Court of Directors. —

Ship Vierge D'Grace came in from Pondecherry having Monsr. Dupleix on board Going Directore to Bengall. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 22.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH.	JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.	AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.	

Generall letter from the Honble. Court of Directors Dated February 12th. Receivd Yesterday ℔ ship Duke of Cumberland Read and the Papers in the Packet being Examined were found Right, and

Packett from Europe.

An Order for the Treasure, wares, stores, soldiers &ca. on board her to be sent on shoar Was signd.

Order signd for treasure &ca. to be sent on shore.

The President Produces to the board a Letter from Mr. Le Noir Govr. of Pondecherry advising that he had sent up the silver we wrote for.

Silver receivd from Pondecherry.

ORDERD that Messrs. Hyde & Burton do Examine it and when weighd that money be issued out of the Cash for Payment thereof.

A Committe apptd. to Examine it.

General letter No. 53 from Fort St. David Dated the [*lacuna*] Instt. advising the arrival of their Deputy Governour and Inclosing their Cash account.

Letter from Fort St. David.

Petitions from Abraham Wright, Willm. Date, Thomas Sparrow, Robt. Wynn, Josua Tailor, Thomas Wilkinson, John Wood, John Mc. Cally, John Fletcher, Laurence Berry, Richard Harding & Nathll. Henchman soldiers read praying to be Discharged having servd their Covenanted time.

Petitions from the Military for a discharge.

AGREED that so many of them be Discharged as Capt. Saunders in the Cadogan can take and that the Rest be Discharged when another ship Goes Home.

Resolutions thereupon.

Ponkila Kissna Farmer of the arrack and Wine Licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five Pagodas 335. —. — for one month's Rent of that Farm Due the 5th. Instt.

Rents paid in of the arrack &

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beetle farm. Ponkila Kissna & Ramachendra Farmers of the Beetle and Tobacco pay into Cash eight hundred thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for One months Rent of that Farm due the 5th. Instt.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

22 Ship Vierge D'Grace saild for Bengal having monsr. Dupleix on board.

— Receivd by Peons General Letters from Vizagapatam & Ingeram.

24 Sloop Ramah saild for Porto Novo.

25 Rebecca Ketch Elisha Bates arrived from Bombay.

— Ship Frances Capt. John Lawson saild for Bengall by whom sent a General Letter to that Presidency dated the 23d.

26 Ship Aislebey Capt. William Birch arrived from England.

28 Sloop Metchlepatam Belonging to the French came in from Pondecherry.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 28TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH.	JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.	AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.	

Impt. Warehouse accot. read. Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeeper Reads that account for last month Ballance due from him seven hundred sixty two pagodas ten fanams & seventy cash 762. 10. 70 in part of which he now pays in five hundred 500 pagodas.

Mint accot. & George Morton Pitt Esqr. Mint Master Reads that account for last month Ballance Due from him twenty four thousand two hundred twenty five Rupees two annæs 24225. 2 and twenty nine pagodas nineteen fannams and sixty five Cash 29. 19. 65 which are Carried forward.

Storekeepers accot. read. Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads that account for Last month Due from him one thousand two hundred twenty eight Pagodas thirty fanams and forty Cash 1228. 30. 40 wch. are carried forward.

Land Customers ballce. paid. Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash Six hundred fifty eight Pagodas fourteen fanams & thirty eight Cash 658. 14. 38 being the Ballance of that accot. for last month.

Treasure Orderd for Bengall, The Silver from on board the Duke of Cumberland being all on shoar ORDERD that Messrs. Hyde & Burton do examine the same and that the Warehousekr. deliver to the mint, to be coined, the silver bought from the French and as much of this as with what already Coin'd will make one intire half of the whole quantity to be sent this Year, to the Bay agreeable to the request of the President and Council there.

& Redwood. ORDERD that one hundred Tons of Redwood be sent on board the Duke of Cumberland in further part of the Demand from Bengal.

Letters read. General Letters read Vizt.

From Vizagapatam. No. 55 from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam Dated the 2d. July, advising the arrival of the supply ℔ Walpole, requesting an additional one, & Inclosing a list of demands for Wares &ca.

Ingeram. No. 56 from Mr. Sanderson at Ingeram Dated the 8th. July Cheifly containing Country News.

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ORDERD that Thomas Sibley be sent down an assistant to M[r]. Sanderson in the Room of M[r]. Clogie Deceased at the usual allowance of six pagodas ℔ month. An Assistant sent down to M[r]. Sanderson

Mess[rs]. Hyde and Burton Deliver their report to the Board of the silver ℔ Frances w[ch]. came out according to Invoice and of that Bought at Pondecherry which weighd fourteen thousand four hundred thirty six pounds five ounces twelve penny weight and six Grains lb. 14436. oz. 5. dwt. 12. grs. 6 and amounts to One hundred and forty thousand Pagodas and thirty fanams 140000. 30. Report of silver ℔ ship Francis from Pondecherry.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

Sloop Metchlepetam belonging to the French saild for Metchlepatam. 28TH.

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Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R]. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. THURSDAY 29.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Tomby Chitte &c[a]. Merch[ts]. having Brot[t]. in four hundred peices of Chints Moorees the board mett at the Sorting Godown and after having thoroughly Examin'd them came to a Resolution of allowing him forty two pagodas ℔ Corge for them at which price the Warehousekeeper was ORDERD to Receive them. Chints Moorees Valued.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

Ship Dean Cap[t]. James Nevil arrived from Bussora. 29TH.
Ship Pierre arrived from Pondecherry. 30
Sloop Ramah from Fort S[t]. David by whom R[d]. General Letter from thence. —
Ship Queen Caroline Cap[t]. William Tullie from Persia. 31
Ship S[t]. Pierre saild for Bengall. AUG. 1.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R]. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. MONDAY AUGUST 2[D].
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

The Paymaster requesting money to Defray Charges of Garrison ORDERD that two thousand five hundred 2500 pag[s]. be advanced him for that and other Disbursments. Money advanced Paymaster.

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Quit Rent & Scavingers Duty paid in.

Nicholas Morse Rent. General and Scavinger pays into Cash five hundred 500 pagodas on the following accounts vizt.

Acco^{ts}. Quit rent	450
Acco^{ts}. Scavingers Duty	50
	500

[Mo]ney paid for silver [bot.] of the French acknowledged to be receivd

The President acquaints the Board that he has Receivd advices from Ponde-cherry of the arrival of the money we paid the French Gentlemen for silver Bo^{t}. of them.

[Lett]er from Fort S^{t}. David. Stores sent.

General Letter N°. 57 from the D^{ty}. Governour & Council of Fort S^{t}. David dated the 26th. Ult^{o}. read inclosing an Indent for Wares and Stores wanting wch. are Orderd to be sent thither on the Ramah.

Report of silver receivd ℘ ship Duke of Cumberl^{d}.

Messrs. Hyde and Burton deliver in a Report of the silver by the Duke of Cumberland wch. comes out according to Invoice.

Letter from Capt. Saunders of the Cadogan.

Letter from Capt. James Saunders of the Cadogan enterd hereafter read the purport of it being to acquaint us that he Designs to sail for Europe the 25th. Ins^{t}.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

2 — Ship Ruperille belonging to the King of Maldevia arrived from thence.

Ship George belonging to the Honble. Company and Commanded ℘ George Pitt arrived from England by whom Receivd a Packett from the Honble. Court of Directors.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 3.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
John Roach. James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde. Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.

Packett from England ℘ George opened; the Iron on board her continued there for Bengall.

The Packet Receivd last night [by] the George from the Honble. Court of Directors was opened and found Right and an Order was signd to the Capt. to send ashore every thing Consigned to this Presidency except the Iron there being enough of that comodity to supply this Place without this Parcell.

A Committee app^{td} to examine the Treasure.

Orderd that Messrs. Hubbard, Hyde and Burton Do Examine the Treasure by that ship.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

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To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President and Governour of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a}. Council.

Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.

Persuant to Order of Consultation We have Examined with the Essay Master an^{d} Purser 68 Chests of the Silver ℘ Cumberland wch. comes according to Invoice.

Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.
Your most obedient Humble Servants
Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President and Govr. &c^{a}. Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.

I thought Proper to acquaint you that I purpose to leave this Place with Ship Cadogan about the 25th. Instant and make the best of my Way for England ; if your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. have any advices to Communicate to the Honble. Court of Directors shall be ready to Receive them. I am with the Greatest Respect

Honble. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.
August the 2^{d}. 1731. Your most hum^{ble}. Servant
James Sanders.

Sloop Edward arrived from Persia [James] Barcklay. 5
Ship Aislabie Capt. William Birch sail^{d} for Bengall by whom sent a Generall 6
Letter to that Presidency Dated 3^{d}.

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President. — Monday 9th.
John Roach. James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde. Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.

The President reads the Cash Account for last month Ballance Remaining thirty six thousand seven hundred fifty eight Pagodas twenty one fanams thirteen Cash 36758. 21. 13 which are Carried to the next account. — Cash acco^{t}. read and

Samuel Hyde Land Customer reads his account for last month vizt. — Land Customers.

Choultry Customes	P. 544	28	10
Ruby Brokerage	56	28	5
Registring Slaves	2	24	—
	Pag^{s}. 604	8	15

Ballance due from him five hundred ninety one Pagodas eighteen fanams & fifteen Cash 591. 18. 15 wch. are carried to the next months acco^{t}.

The Export Warehouskeeper request^{s}. money for the Painters Orderd that 500 pagodas be advanced him for that Use. — [Mo]ney adv^{d}. Export Warehouse-keep^{r}.

The Sea Customer complaining that the White ants have gott into Sea Gate Godown and the Import Warehouskeeper that they are likewise Gott into the silver Godown Orderd that those Gentlemen with the Paymaster do Survey the same and report to the board what is necessary to be done. — [Sur]vey Ord^{d}. of the Sea [Ga]te and Import [Wa]rehouse Godowns.

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[Waste] ground sold to Messrs. [Hart] and Stratton.

Petition from Messrs. Hart and Stratton Read requesting to purchase a Ps. of Ground lying between two houses they have bought and the Town Wall on the same terms as two other peices of Ground in the same Row were sold to Messrs. Draper and Powney Granted

A hundred pagodas worth of fanams to be exchanged.

There being a Want of fanams in the Town ORDERD that five hundred 500 Pagodas Worth be issued out of Cash to be Exchanged.

Samuel Palmer apptd. [Re]sident at Pegue.

The time for the Departure of the Ships to Pegue Drawing Nigh ORDERD that Mr. Samuel Palmer be sent Resident there On Giving the Security Required by Our Honble. Masters.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
[*Lacuna*].
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

TO THE HONBLE. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQE.

PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

Messrs. Draper and Powney having been Permitted by former Presidents and Council to buy such part of the Waste Ground lying between their Houses and the Wall of the Fort on Certain Conditions in their Bills of Sale expressed and we having lately purchased two houses in the same Row are desireous of enlarging our Yard-room by buying that Part of the said Waste Grounds wch. Lyes Contiguous to Our said two houses on the terms and conditions therein were Granted to the Gentlemen above mentioned, We therefore request your Honr. &ca. will Order Bills of Sale to be made out for the same. Your Compliance herein will oblige,

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.
Your most humble servants
RAW: HART.
JOHN STRATTON.

10 Brigantine Alemadut Coja Abdula saild for Malacca.
— Sloop Union Joseph Lovel saild for Pegue.
11 Sent by Peons General Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram.
12 Receivd by Peons a Generall Letter from Fort St. David.
— Ketch Rebecca Elias Bates, saild for Bengall.
14 Ship L'Union from Pondecherry St. Hillarie.
— Receivd by Tappys a General Letter from Fort St. David.
15 Ship Hannover before Margarett Ann John Hunt Master Saild for Pegue.
— Sloop Ramah saild for Fort St. David.
— Ship Harrison Joseph Badman arrived from Juddah.

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Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

MONDAY 16TH.

Letters from Fort St. Dad touching the Investmt. there & resolutions thereupon.

General Letters No. 58 and 59 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David Dated 9th. and 12th. Instt. Read, the first giving an account of the Difficulty they find in making an Investment there and of the Exorbitant prices demanded for cloth in case of making a contract and advising that the measureing farmer will not give the old rent for that Farm with several other particulars of less moment, the other letter cheifly serves to Desire us to appoint an Ensign in the Room of Ensign Taylor.

The contents of these letters being Debated and the musters mentiond in them to be sent us being Examined and the prices Demanded for them Considerd it was AGREED to Order the Deputy Governour and Council to endeavour to contract on the Terms we had done vizt. that the merchts. should provide the cloth and when brought in that the Deputy Governour and Council should Value it and if the Merchts. approved of the Value sett on it the Company should take it, if not that the Merchts. should take it Back and to encourage them thereto, that an advance should be made them provided that if they did not comply with their contracts they should pay Interest on such advance.

A new Ensign apptd. there.

AGREED that Serjt. Thomas Horne have an Ensigns commission given him in the Room of Ensign Taylor.

Journall Parcells read.

Journal Parcels for the month of June read.

Timbers & plank freightd. to Fort St. David.

There being no Conveyance to send the Timbers and Plank to Fort St. David but some country boats AGREED that those and what other stores are Demanded for that Place be Freighted on one of them.

Report of Treasure ℔ George deliverd in.

The Committee appointed to Examine the Georges Silver Report it to be right as by their Report after Consultation.

Tombe Chitte called upon about performance of his Contract, who delivers in an accot. of the impediments he has mett with.

Tomby Chittee not having Yet brought in any Cloth except some Chints Moorees on account of his Contract with the Company the board Call'd on him to Know the Reason to wch. he answerd that it had taken up a great Deal of time to bring the Weavers to any agreement, that his People had been busily employed therein for a Considerable time and he hoped had now compleated it, for that by advices from them the Weavers in most of the Weaving Towns had Receivd Advance money and he expected to Receive some Cloth very quickly, being askd for a particular account of the progress they had made he gave an account in short of the advices receivd from the several Places wch. he was ORDERED to Deliver the Secretary in Writing to be enterd after this Consultation.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

Sent By Tappys a Generall Letter to Ft. St. David. 17
Ship Fizerahemani belongg. to the King of Pegue saild for Pegue. 20
Ship Duke of Cumberland Capt. Benjamin Braund Saild for Bengall in her Way to touch at Vizagapatam, Carried Generall Letters to both Places and Ingeram of this Date. —
Ship Lyell Benjamin Dennis, arrived from Mocha. 21
Sloop Edward James Barkley saild for Ingeram. —

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22 Ships Queen Carolina, William Tullie & Dean Frigatt James Nevil saild in Company for Bengall.

— Brigantine Princes Emelia Charles Gray arrived from Mocha.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President and Goverr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Pursuant to Your Honr. &ca. Orders, We have Examined the Silver belonging to the George, and find it to come out Right according to Invoice in the Presence of Mr. Weston and the Purser.

We are

Honble. Sr. & Srs.
Your humble Servants,
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Augustus Burton.

Fort St. George
August the 11th. 1731.

The following is advices from the several parts where our Gomastahs are providing cloth vizt.

From Warriapollom.

The People we sent here write us that according to Our Orders they offerd $\frac{1}{8}$ of a pagoda more in each peice than last Year, at that Price they procured and sent us one hundred and Sixty peices Long Cloth wch. we found very bad and Order them to advance still $\frac{1}{8}$th. pagoda on each peice, before the arrival of that order Comache Mooten, Chittamoodall and Nachenen head Weavers had sent us a Letter acquainting us that the People at Negapatam, Tranquebarr and Porto Novo paid for cloth from five to six Caul of sixty eight Covids Long and two and one eight Broad after the Rate of one Pagodas and a half ꝑ peice and that those for the Mocha Ships have lately for this Sort of Cloth offerd $\frac{1}{8}$th. more ꝑ peice, the price of thread there is seven Pound for a Pagoda so that the English sort of Cloth can not be made under two Pagodas and one Sixteenth ꝑ peice, the cloth of nine caul provided for the French last year at one pagoda & a Quarter ꝑ peice is now Demanded at the rate of two pagodas and one Sixteenth ꝑ ps. and not to be Gott, We have here advanced Six thousand pagodas.

From Tinvanem Vieravande.

We sent four People here to Purchase Cloth, they wrote us that by the Famine and Great Price of Cotton thread great part of the Inhabitants were Dead and many left the Place, that those that remain were very poor and not to be trusted with money, they sent our money Back.

We formerly have purchased here two thousand pagodas worth of Sallampores in a month and there is not now One hundred to be Gott.

Acheravacum and Mudarandarum.

There was formerly Six hundred weavers here now but two hundred, we sent our people here who according to our Orders Advanced $\frac{1}{8}$th. pagoda on a ps. of Long Cloth and $\frac{1}{16}$th. one [*sic*] a ps. of Sallampores which when it arrived here we found very bad but they sent us only seventy peices of Long Cloth and forty three peices of Sallampores and that after two moths. We sent other four People up here and they have advanced money to one hundred and twenty Weavers but for want of thread they have not begun to Work as yet; We have here advanced 1850 pagodas.

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TRECALEECOONAM AND CALE COLLUM.

We sent our People here with money & orders to advance on every peice of Long Cloth $\frac{1}{8}$ Pagoda and on Sallampores $\frac{1}{16}$ more than the former price, they found the Country in a very miserable Condition by the late Famine and not above twenty Weavers were formerly was hundred, those that Remain Said the[y] could not get thread for Long cloth but they would weave Sallampores and seventy of them are advanced money but no Cloth is Yet arrived occationd by the great Want of thread and the French having offerd two pagodas ℘ Ps. for nine caull Cloth wch. last Year they bought at one pagoda three Quarters. We have here advanced 1030 Pags.

MAUNAM PADDI CHUMPAUCUM.

In this Place was formerly four hundred Weavers now but one hundred, they used in a Months time to make two thousand pagodas worth of Long Cloth. We sent our People here but they will not make any thing but Coarse Sallampores on the advance price of $\frac{1}{16}$th. pagoda ℘ peice. fifty People are advanced money two months past but no Cloth yet arrived. We have he [re] advanced 1000 pagodas.

CAULEA PETTAH.

In this Place was formerly two hundred Weavers now but sixty only thirty of wch. would Receive money wch. has been advanced them two months; there is sixty peices finishd which will be here the 10th. this month. We have here advanced four hundred and forty Pagodas.

CONJEVARAM.

We sent our People here with money and orders to advance the price as at other Places for ordinary and Midling Long Cloth and Sallampores but the Weavers refused to agree because thread was very Dear being at seven pound & a half ℘ pagoda; if it came cheaper they would see if they would agree; but at present there is here about four hundred Weavers. We could prevail on none excepting the People of Sheveram, Yeacombrum Petta and Shadicauloo about thirty persons who are advanced to Weave all Sallampores Midling but are not able to gett thread yett for that sort of Cloth. the people from Poncherry have been here five Months and have offerd three pagodas ℘ peice for their Long Cloth Fine but they have not been able to gett any for all the Weavers Work upon is Buzar Cloth for the Consumption of the Country. We have here advanced 990 Pagodas.

ANCAVOOR TREVATOOR.

We sent our People here but Could not persuade the Weavers to Receive any money for they said they Could not gett any thread to make the Midling Long Cloth which is the sort they are used to, they were offerd and advance[d] price as at other places but promised if thread Could be Got they would Receive some money and the same answer they have given the Merchts. of Pondechery, here is advanced seven hundred and sixty pagodas.

POONAPAUC.

We sent Our People here but the Weavers would not come to any agreement because thread was not to be Gott. We offerd them the advance price and Our People still remains there.

PUDAPU CONATOOR.

We sent our People here with money and offerd the Weavers $\frac{3}{8}$th. pags more in a ps. of fine Long Cloth than the price of Last Year; they answerd that by the French Long Cloths of 15 and 18 Caull they were able to gett their Cooley but by the English sort at the present price of thread they could not gett that. Last year 400 Weavers of this Place work'd for us but now we have not been able to prevail on more than 30 Persons, here is advanced 1150 Pags.

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CARANEE.

The[y] used to make for us here sallampores Fine. We sent our People and offerd them $\frac{3}{16}$ pagoda More in a peice than last years price, they said they expected some thread from the northward to arrive at S^{t}. Thome, if they could gett it they wo^{d}. make cloth for us, at present they were employed on Buzar cloth and Ginghams for Madrass, here is advanced Pag^{s}. 500.

NAIRANAPORUM.

There was formerly 200 Weavers here who Used to make for us Sallampores Fine. We sent our People here and offerd them the advance price as at other Places, but we could not prevail on more than 30 people to take our money by Reason thread was very Scarse, here is advanced 320 Pag^{s}.

PURANGALOOR PIACATTEE.

A[t] this Place there always used to be employed on Midleing Long Cloth 4 or 500 Weavers, we offerd them the advance price of $\frac{1}{8}$ pagoda ꝑ p^{s}. but they said they could not engage, because thread was not to be gott, if they could here after gett any they would work for us, only 50 people accepted of our money & that on promise to send y^{r}. thread from Lalah Petta which we have sent money for. A great number of the Weavers of this place are dead or Gone away, advanced Pag^{s}. 730.

WOOTANDOOR WOLLA CHALLUM.

We sent our People here but have not yett Receivd any answer, advanced here 300.

GREAT SHAULUM.

We advanced money here last year, for wch. if the Goods are but just now Returnd and those very bad We sent our People up but are advised the French have sent six people now four months past and have offerd Pag^{s}. 2 ꝑ P^{s}. of Midleing long Cloth but they have not yett been able to gett one peice, thread being very Dear and a Great many buyers of almost any cloth thô it be no more than 67 or 68 cov^{ts}. long and $2\frac{1}{8}$ broad, here is advanced here Pagodas 2000.

The whole sum advanced at the several places is Sixteen thousand nine hundred and Seventy Pagodas 16970.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 23D.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Paymasters acco^{t}. read,

John Roach Paymaster reads y^{t}. account for last month Viz^{t}.

Charges Garrison	1251	12	50
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Hospital	43	33	—
Charges General	404	18	65
New Grainery	107	15	—
Charges Extraordinary	8	33	—
Fort Marlbrô	10	—	—
Bombay Presidency	25	—	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications	106	8	75
	2607	13	30

and

Ballance Due to him and now paid One hundred and seven Pagodas thirteen fanams and thirty Cash 107. 13. 30 and the Extraordinary Expence being Enquired into

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was found to arise from the following particulars Viz^{t}.

New Grainery.		
Workmen employed	35 32 40	
Matterials used	71 18 40	107 15 —
Charges Extraordinary.		
Amount of the Marshalls note for Dieting 3 prisoners 3 months	3 — —	
Allowed four soldiers that arrived ℣ the Cumberland ea. 12 fa^{s}...	1 12 —	
Paid the Docter head money for D^{o}. ..	4 16 —	
Boat hire for D^{o}	— 5 —	
		8 33 —
Fort Marlborough.		
Allow^{a}. money to Raje Coeleedean and his servants		10 — —
Bombay Presidency.		
Allowance money to the Widow Burton and her Children		25 — —
	Pag^{s}.	151 12 —

Extraordinary Expence reported.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads that account for last month Ballance Due from him One thousand four hundred ninety three Pagodas nine fanams and thirty four Cash 1493. 9. 34 wch. is Carried Forward.

Storekeep^{rs}. acco^{t}. read.

John Roach Export Warehousekeep^{r}. Reads that account for last month Ballance Due to him three hundred and eight Pagodas thirty two fanams and fifty nine Cash 308. 32 59 wch. are now paid him.

Exp^{t}. Warehouse acco^{t}. read.

James Hubbard Sea Customer reads that account for last month Viz^{t}.

Sea Customer

Custome on Goods imported	1294 33 52
D^{o}. on Grain	117 27 —
Anchorage	47 18 —
	1460 6 52

Ballance Due from him fourteen hundred and twenty eight Pagodas two fanams and fifty two Cash 1428. 2. 52 in part of wch. he now pays in one thousand Pagodas Pag^{s}. 1000.

&

He also pays in One thousand 1000 Pagodas on account of the Ballance due from M^{r}. Fowke late Sea Customer.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Mint Master Reads that account for last month Ballance Due from him four hundred Sixty three thousand four hundred seventy nine Rupees four Anas 463479. 4 wch. are carried to next months account and thirteen Pagodas twenty seven fanams and seventy five Cash 13. 27. 75 wch. are now paid in.

Mint account

The Accomptant Delivers in the Duplicate Journal and Ledger ending Ult^{o}. April 1730 wch. are Signd in order to Go home in the Packet by the Cadogan as also the Vizagapatam books Letter B wch. were omitted to be sent at the proper time.

Generall Books deliverd in to be sent to England.

Bills of Exchange Dated the 21st. Ins^{t}. Granted on the usual terms and Exchange to M^{r}. Thomas Norman payable to Abrã. and Jacob Franco in part Returns of a Chest Coral by ship Derby Markd C$^{A}_{F}$ N°. 2 for two thousand one hundred forty eight Pagodas thirty one fanams and forty Cash, or eight hundred fifty nine pounds eleven shillings Str. 859. 11.

Bills of Exchange granted.

Poncala Kissna and Ramah Chendra Farmers of the Tobacco and Beetle licence pay into Cash eight hundred thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one months Rent of that Farm Due the 5th. Ins^{t}.

Rent of the Beetle and

Poncala Kissna Farmer of the arack and Wine Licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five Pagodas 335, in full for one months Rent of that Farm Due the 5th. Instant.

Arack farm paid in.

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Musters of Long Cloth presented by some Armenian Merchts, dd. in, but no agreement made with them.

A Muster of Long Cloth Ordinary of the usual Length and Breadth being shewn the President by some Armenian Merchts. he now produces it to the board at the price of forty three Pagodas Brown and the Company to Import it which being Examined it was Agreed that the Price is too Great for us to engage for and that therefore the musters be Returned.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

At a Consultation

Present

Wednessday ye. 25th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
John Roach. James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde. Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.

Permission of Passage for England granted.

Petitions for Liberty of Passage to England on the Cadogan read and enterd after this consultation and Granted Vizt. to John D'L Oreol for himself, George Torriano for two Children and Nathaniel Turner and George Torriano for a Child of Mr. Pechiers.

Bills of Exchange granted.

Bills of Exchange of this Days date for Returns of Coral Signd Vizt.

To Anthony D'Costa or Order Value of Samuel Hyde in Part Returns of a Chest of Coral Receivd by Ship Eyles marked ✡ No. B Two thousand five hundd. Pagodas or One thousand Pound Sterling	2500 — —	£ 1000 — —
To Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order Value of George Torriano and Samuel Parkes in full of the Returns of two Chests of Coral ℣ Greenwich and Grantham mark'd E.F. No. 1. 2 Two thousand three hundred and nine pags. 14. 54 (fa. ca.) or pounds sterling nine hundred twenty three fifteen shillings and three pence	2309 14 54	923 15 3
P.	4809 14 54	£ 1923 15 3

Rent of the Beetle farm paid.

Nairo Kissnama Chitte and Com Chittee late Tobacco and Bettle Farmers pay into Cash eight hundred thirty three Pagodas and twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one months Rent of that Farm Due the 5th. September last.

Tryal of Pirates apptd.

Agreed that the Two Prisoners sent over from the West Coast on suspicion of Pyracy be tried at a Court of Admiralty the 1st. October next.

Generall Letter to England ℣ Cadogan sign'd.

General Letter of this days Date to the Honble. Court of Directors Designd by the Cadogan Read and Signd.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1731 —

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President & Govern^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

The Petition of George Torriano

Sheweth

That being two Desirous of sending two Children to Europe for Education on ship Cadogan Capt. James Sanders he Requests your Hon^r. &c^a. will give your permission to the Capt. to Receive them and their necessarys on board and your Petitioner shall ever pray &c^a.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.

President and Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

The Petition of Nathaniel Turner & George Torriano

Sheweth

That being Directed by the Last Will and Testament of M^r. Andrew Pechier Deceasd to send a Child to Europe for Education, they Desire Your Hon^r. &c^a. Will please to give permission to Capt. James Sanders of the Cadogan to Receive her and her necessaries on Board.

And Your Petitioner shall ever Pray.

Receivd by Peons Generall Letter from Vizagapatam. 22^d.
Ship Tellesingah saild for Junkseylone. 28
Ship Cadogan James Sanders, saild for Europe by wch. sent a Packett to the Honble. Court of Directors. —
Ship Sarah Galley Robt. Wynn arrived from Muskatt. Sepr. 2
Ship Pataconjour saild for Tarnaseree. —
Brigantine Anapourna before Morton, Henry Cleave saild for Mallacca. 3^d.
Brigantine Princess Emelia Charles Gray & Ships Harrison & George, Joseph Badman & George Pitt saild in Company for Bengall, by the Latter sent a Letter to that Presidency of this Date. —
Ship Raheim saild for Covelong. 4
Ship Sarah Galley saild for Bengall. 5
Receivd by Tappys a Generall Letter from Fort S^t. David. —
Ship Lyell Benjamin Dennis saild for Bengall. 11
Ship S^t. John Benjam Barker saild for Pegue. 12
Sent by Tappys a Generall Letter to Fort S^t. David. —

At a Consultation

Present

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President. — Monday y^e. 13th.
John Roach. James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde. Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.

Ordered that two thousand five hundred Pagodas 2500 be advanced the Paymaster for the Disburstments of the Running month. — Money adv^d. Paym^r.

The President Reads the Cash account for the month of August Ballance Remaining forty four thousand eight hundred and Sixteen Pagodas one fanam and thirteen Cash 44816. 1. 13. — Cash acco^t. read, &

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for July Ballance Due from him Six hundred thirty seven Pagodas nine fanams and ten Cash of which he pays in five hundred Pagodas 500, and — Imp^t. Warehouse acco^t.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1731 —

On acco^{t}. of Lead sold in August he pays in one thousand Pagodas 1000.

Land Custom^{rs}. ball^{a}. p^{d}.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash five hundred ninety one Pagodas eighteen fanams and fifteen Cash 591. 18. 15 in full of his Ballance for July.

Storekeep^{r}. pays in money, & the Rental General and Scavinger.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper Pays into Cash twelve hundred Pag^{s}. 1200 in part of the Ballance of his account for July.

Nicolas Morse Rentall Generall and Scavinger Pays into Cash six hundred pagodas 600 on the following accounts vizt.

Account Quit Rents	480
Account Scavingers Duty	120
	600 pagodas.

Rent of a Garden p^{d}.

Antonia Carvalho pays into Cash twenty four Pagodas 24 for one Years Rent of a Garden Lett to her due y^{e}. 20th. Ult^{o}.

Letters read.

General Letters Read Viz^{t}.

From Vizagapat^{m}.

N°. 60 from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated the 3^{d}. August advising the arrival of the Elizth. with a supply of money and Cotton.

From Ingeram, &

N°. 61 from M^{r}. Sanderson at Ingeram dated the 13th. August advising that the French are going to settle at Yannam wch. he apprehends will Raise the Value of Cloth.

Fort S^{t}. David.

N°. 62 from the Deputy Govr. & Council of Fort S^{t}. David Dated the 3^{d}. Instant advising what progress they make in their Investment and that the measuring Farm is Lett at the Old Rent.

Encourgement to be given to the Northern Settlem^{t}. for procuring Cloth,

Agreed to write to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam and to M^{r}. Sanderson to encourage them to go on briskly in the Investment,

also to the Military at Fort S^{t}. David who shall new list themselves.

And to Fort S^{t}. David to permit them to give a Gratuity of two months Pay to such of their Military as have served out their time and are Willing to list again for five years and that Such of them as will not accept of these terms shall when opportunity offers be Discharged and that the contents of the above mentiond letter shall be more fully considerd of.

Prohibition of trade with Tranquebarr taken off.

The Governour of Tranquebar having wrote the President to assure him that the Ostend ship shall not be permitted if she Returns to do any business at Tranquebarr and Requesting that the trade may be opend again with that Port it is agreed that Publick notice be given by the Secretary that the prohibition is taken off.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

13 Dispatchd Generall Letters to Vizagapatam Dated y^{e}. 12th. To Ingeram Dated the 13th.

14 Receivd by Tappys a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}. David.

15 Saild Ship Bon Voyage to Pegue on which M^{r}. Palmer took his Passage in Quality of Resident and Carried a Letter of Instructions dated the 12th.

16 Ship Ruperettee saild for Mergee.

Sloop Ramah Came in From Fort S^{t}. David.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1731 ——

Ships Zeddanaik an[d] Bassilio, Daniell Duart arrived from Cochin in their way to Bengall. 19

Sloop Ramah Returnd to Fort St. David. 21

At a Consultation at the Sorting Godown

Present

Tuesday 21st.

George Morton Pitt Esqr Governour President.
John Roach. James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde. Augustus Burton.
Nicolas Morse.

Letter from Fort St. David and Resolutions abot. the

General Letter No. 63 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David read dated the 12th. Instt. enclosing Invoice and Bill of Loading for thirty Bales of Calicœs sent up by the Ramah which bales being opend and Examined it was observed that the Sallampores No. 2 & 3 last taken in at the advanced Price were very ordinary in their Kinds and very Carelesly Conjeed of which it is Agreed to advise in the General Letter and to Order the Deputy Governour and Council to keep strictly to the Standard Goodness thô we should pay the more for the Goods.

The three Bales of Shapermals Turn'd Out Long Cloth Fine sent up in February 1729/30 being now Examin'd, it was agreed to write to Fort St. David to pay him for them.

After which the Board took into Consideration the contents of the General Letter from Fort St. David Read last Consultation dated the third Instant and came to the following Resolutions.

Investment there.

That Shapermal be encouraged to Go on in provideing cloth to Compleat the Contract made with him and his partners, and that the Deputy Governour and Council in Valueing the Cloth he brings in have a Regard to the Badness of the times and Difficulty of getting cloth and that they observe the same with Respect to the other sett of Merchts.

That as the provideing the Blew Cloth is some assistance to the Merchts. it be provided by each sett in equal proportions if desired.

That in Consideration of the Difficulties of the times it is not practicable to bring our Merchts. under any other Restrictions then an Obligation to provide cloth, it being plain that to fix any Certain price and Oblige them to take it would putt an Intire stop to their Providing any and that therefore we must Go on in Valuing what they bring in and leave it to their option to Lett us have it or to take it Back again.

That the Deputy Governour and Council notwithstanding what they say about the merchants employing the Companys money in their private trade be still permitted to lend on the terms before alowed for that since the merchant ought to be Gainer by the Companys Contract equal to his private trade there is no Reason to apprehend he should misapply the money so advanced him considering that by so doing he would make himself Liable to the penalty of his Contract.

That the short Sallampores proposed by the Deputy Governour and Council to be taken in at an abatement, be so taken and that if the forty Covid Ginghams be agreeable to muster they be also Receivd.

Which Resolutions together with a Caution to the Deputy Governour and Council there to take care none of the merchants have any Just cause of Complaint for hardships in the Valuing their Cloth it is agreed to write to Fort St. David Directly.

After which the Board adjourned to the Consultation Room in the Fort and the following monthly accounts were Read Vizt.

Mint accot. read.

By the President the mint account for August Ballance due from him thirty eight thousand two hundred thirty one Rupees thirteen annœs 38231. 13. which are Carried to next months account and one hundred and seventeen pagodas five fanams and twenty Cash 117. 5. 20 which he now pays in.

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Expt. Warehouse acct. & Paymasters.

By John Roach Export Warehousekeeper that account for the same month Ballance Due to him eleven hundred and eighty Pagodas ten fanams and twelve Cash 1180. 10. 12 which is now paid.

By John Roach Paymaster that account vizt.

Charges Garrison	1237	7	15
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Hospital	43	32	—
Charges General	572	5	30
New Grainery	97	25	20
Charges Extraordinary	4	6	—
Fort Marlbrô	10	—	—
Bombay Presidency	25	—	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications	158	10	20
Pags. ..	2598	14	5

ballance due to him ninety eight Pagodas fourteen fanams and five Cash 98. 14. 5 which is also paid.

Extraordinary Expence reported.

The Extraordinary Expence in this account being Examined into was found to arise as hereunder Vizt.

New Grainery						
Workmen employed	P. 22	29	60			
Matterials used	74	31	40			
				Ps. 97	25	20
Charges Extraordinary						
Amount of the Marshals note for dieting four Prisoners	3	6	—			
Paid on ye. Christning of a soldiers child.	1	—	—			
				4	6	—
Fort Marlbrô						
Allowance money to Raja Oaladean and his Servants ..				10	—	—
Bombay Presidency						
Allowance to the Widow Burton & her Children ..				25	—	—
Pags.				136	—	— [*sic*]

Sea Customers acct. read.

James Hubbard Sea Customer reads that account for the month of August Vizt.

Custom on Goods imported	1602	24	64
Do. on Grain	86	13	8
Anchorage	59	—	—
Pags. ..	1748	11	72

ballance due from him two thousand one hundred forty four Pagodas ten fannams and forty four Cash 2144. 10. 44 which are carried forward, and

He pays into Cash One thousand three hundred thirty two Pagodas twenty one fanams being the Ballance of Mr. Fowkes account as Sea Customer.

Land Customers. &

Samuel Hyde Land Customer reads that account for last month vizt.

Choultry Customs	Ps. 714	24	12
Ruby Brokerage	19	1	73
Registring Slaves	1	4	—
	734	30	5

Ballance due from him thirteen hundred and thirteen Pagodas twenty two fanams and twenty Cash 1313. 22. 20 of which he paid in the 13th. Instant, five hundred Ninety one Pagodas eighteen fanams and fifteen Cash 591. 18. 15 being the Ballance of the former month.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1731 ——

Augustus Burton Storekeeper Reads that account for last month Ballance Due from Him two thousand one hundred thirty two Pagodas eleven fanams and Sixty five Cash 2132. 11. 65 of which he paid twelve hundred 1200 Pagodas the 13th. Inst. Storekeepers.

Commission to Serjeant Thomas Horne to be an Ensign at Fort St. David Sign'd and a Commission ORDERD for George Hutchinson an Ensign here in the Room of Philibt. A Carte. Ensigns apptd.

Bill of sale for Waste Ground to Messrs. Hart and Stratton Lying behind their houses Sign'd. Bill of sale for waste grod. executed.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

Sent by Tappys Generall Letter to Fort St. David. 21

Brigantine Hopewell Edward Jones arrived from Bengall with Salt Petre of the Honble. Companys at Freight & a General Letter from that Presidency. —

Receivd by Peons a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam. 23

Ships Zeddanaick and Bassilio Proceeded for Bengall. 22

Brigantine Hopewell Edward Jones Saild for Mallacca. 26

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. MONDAY YE. 27TH.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeepr. Reads that account for last month Ballance due from him two thousand two hundred fifty four Pagodas nineteen fanams and fifty seven Cash 2254. 19 57 of which he paid one thousand pagodas 1000 the 13th. Inst. and now pays five hundred 500 pagodas more. Impt. Warehousekeeprs. acoot. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash seven hundred twenty two pagodas four fanams and five Cash 722. 4 5 in full of his last months Ballance. Land Customers ballce. paid.

The Accountant reads the Journal Parcels for last month and produces the account salary for six months to the 25th. Inst. amounting to Pags. 1516. 11. 7 fifteen hundd. & sixteen eleven fanams & seven Cash which is ORDERD to be paid. Journal Parcels read & acoot. salary paid.

The Paymaster Requesting money for the Charges of the next month ORDERD that two thousand five hundred pagodas 2500 be advanced him. Money advanced Paymr.

The Secretary pays into Cash twenty six pagodas 26 for Mr. Loriolles Passage on the Cadogan to England. Passage money paid.

Ponkila Kissna and Ram Chendra Tobacco and Beetle farmers pay into Cash Eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one months Rent of that Cowle due the 5th. Inst. Beetle rent paid.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1731* ——

Arack Rent paid.

Ponkila Kissna Farmer of the Arack & Wine licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five pagodas 335 for one months Rent Due the 5th. Ins^{t}.

Military relisted.

Petitions from 15 soldiers by name Richard Knight, Thomas Yeats, Lewis Prichard, John Stantion, William Trevers, Samuel Collins, William Goddard, William Kimber, John Wilks, Douglas Howes, George Martin, Thomas Black, William Child, John Bryan & Peter Massey who have serv'd out their Covenanted time read and enterd after this Consultation offering to new list for five years upon a Gratuity of five pagodas each.

Orderd that the Paymaster Do pay y^{e}. same taking their Obligation for the performance.

Letters read.

General letters Read vizt.

From Vizagapatam &

N°. 64 from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam Dated the 1st. Ins^{t}. advising the arrival of the Duke of Cumberland with the treasure &c^{a}. Consigned them and that they expect their this years Investment will amount to four hundred Bales.

Bengall.

N°. 65 & 66 Dated the 24th. May and 10th. Augst. from the President and Council of Fort William the purport of which is cheifly to advise the arrival of the Wallpole and Francis with them and that their Investment amounts to forty three Lack of Rupees, they also Inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for Salt Petre on the Hopewell.

M^{r}. Davis permitted to come up.

The President informs the Board y^{t}. M^{r}. Davis had in a Letter to him Requested leave to come up hither in January which is Agreed to.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
Samuel Hyde.
[*Lacuna*].
Nic: Morse.

October 2^{D}. Dispatchd by Pattamarr Peons Generall Letters to Bengal and Vizagapatam.

3 Grabb Success George Mackenjee arrived from Bengall.
— Receivd by Tappys a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}. David.
5 Brigantine Antelope Thomas Dixon arrived from Beng^{ll}. with Salt Petre of the Honble. Companys at Freight & a Generall Letter from that Presidency.
7 Success Grabb, George Mackenjee saild for the Mallabarr Coast.
9 Brigantine Antelope Thomas Dixon saild for the Malabarr Coast.

Account Salary. Due to the Honble. Companys Covenanted Servants from the 25th. March to the 25th. Sepr. 1731 is Six months Viz^{t}.

	Moth.	days.	℔ Ann.	£	sh.	d.	£	sh.	d.	Pag^{s}.	fa.	Ca.
The Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr. President and Governour.	..		@ 200	100	—	—						
Gratuity	..		100	50	—	—						
							150	—	—	333	12	—
Randal Fowke Esqr. second of Council to ult^{o}. June	3	5	@ 100		..		26	7	$9\frac{1}{2}$	58	23	7
John Roach Esqr. third	..		70		..		35	—	—	77	28	—
James Hubbard Esqr. fourth ..	..		50		..		25	—	—	55	20	—
Samuel Hyde Esqr. Fifth ..	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
Augustus Burton Esqr. Sixth ..	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
M^{r}. Nicholas Morse Seventh ..	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
M^{r}. George Torriano Senr. Merch^{t}.	..		40	20	—	—		..			..	
Gratuity as Secretary from 2^{d}. June	3	23	10	3	2	$9\frac{1}{4}$		..			..	
Reading Devine Service to y^{e}. 3^{d}. August	4	8	50	17	15	$6\frac{3}{4}$						
							40	18	4	90	33	27

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	Moth.	days.	ꝑ Ann.	£	sh.	d.	£	sh.	d.	Pags.	fa.	Ca
Mr. John Graham Senior Mercht.	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
Mr Mathew Empson, Senior Merchant	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
Mr. Ralph Mansell, Senior Merchant	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
Mr. William Monson, Senior Merchant	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
Mr. John Stratton Senior Merchant	..		40		..		20	—	—	44	16	—
Mr. John Bulkeley Junior Merchant to 9th. August.	4	15	30	11	5	—						
Senior Merchant from Do.	1	15	40	5	—	—						
Reading Devine Service to the 3d. August	4	8	50	17	15	6¾						
							34	—	6¾	75	22	20
Mr. Samuel Parkes Junior Merchant	..		30		..		15	—	—	33	12	—
Mr. Thomas Weston Junior Merchant & Assay Master ..	..		80		..		40	—	—	88	32	—
Mr. George Wentworth, Factor.	..		15		..		7	10	—	16	24	—
Mr. Wood Smart, Factor ..	..		15		..		7	10	—	16	24	—
Mr. John Hammond, Factor from 2d. Augst.	1	23	15		..		2	4	2	4	32	53
Mr. William Johnson Writer to the 27th. June ..	3	2	5	1	5	6½						
Factor from Do. ..	2	29	15	3	13	4						
							4	18	10½	10	35	40
Mr. John Savage Writer to 26th. June	3	1	5	1	5	3¼						
Factor from Do.	2	13	15	3	14	2						
							4	19	5¼	11	1	60
Mr. William Martin Writer to 12th. July	3	17	5	1	9	8¾						
Factor from Do.	2	13	15	3	—	10						
							4	10	6¾	10	2	20
Mr. Robert Allen Writer ..	..		5		..		2	10	—	5	20	—
Mr. Charles Floyer Writer ..	..		5		..		2	10	—	5	20	—
Mr. Thomas Appleby Writer ..	..		5		..		2	10	—	5	20	—
Mr. Edward Mitchel Writer from 2d. Augst.	1	23	5		..		—	14	8¾	1	22	73
The Reverend Mr. Robert Wynch Chaplain from the 2d. August	1	23	100		..		14	14	5¼	32	25	60
Mr. Nathaniel Barlow Surgeon.	..		36		..		18	—	—	40	—	—
Mr. Robert Douglas Surgeon ..	..		36		..		18	—	—	40	—	—
Mr. George Torriano Clerk of Peace, for one year ..	..		..		..		45	—	—	100	—	—
Mr. Henry Rumbold Solicitor from 2d. August @ 50 pags. ꝑ Ann	1	23	..		..		3	6	3	7	13	—
Mr. Charles Peers, Seventh of Council to the 3d. May ..	1	8	40		..		4	4	5¼	9	13	60
Mr. Paul Foxley Junior Mercht. to the 27th. April	1	2	40		..		3	11	1½	7	32	40
Mr. Joseph Walsh Junior Mercht. to the 2d. June	2	7	40	7	8	10½						
Gratuity as Secretary to the same Day	2	7	10	1	17	2½						
							9	6	1	20	24	27
							682	6	9½	1516	11	7

FORT St. GEORGE
SEPTR. THE 25TH. 1731.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
ꝑ JAMES HUBBARD
Accountt.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1731 —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY Y^E. 11TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICOLAS MORSE.

Journ^ll. Parcels read.

The Accomptant Reads the Journal Parcels for the month of August.

Sea Custom^r. pays money into Cash.

James Hubbard Sea Customer Pays into Cash one thousand pagodas 1000 in part of the Ballance of his account.

Land Customers acco^t. read.

Samuel Hyde land Customer Reads that account for last month Viz^t.

Choultry Customes	489	5	49
Ruby Brokerage	67	2	51
Registring slaves	1	28	—
	558	—	20

Ballance due from him 545. 10. 20 five hundred forty five Pagodas ten fanams and twenty Cash which are Carried to next account.

Money advan^d. to pay Painters.

The Export Warehousekeeper requesting money to pay the Painters ORDERD that 500 pagodas five hundred be advanced him for that use.

New Tarpaulins Orderd to be made.

ORDERD that thirty new Tarpaulins be made the old ones being grown useless.

Rents paid in of the Town Brokerage & Measuring Farm.

Nairo Kistnama Chitty and Com Chitty pay into Cash One hundred forty four Pagodas sixteen fanams 144. 16. — for two months and five days rent of the Town Brokers Cowle from the 30th. June to the 5th. September 1730 and two hundred and twelve Pagodas eighteen fanams 212. 18. — for three months Rent of the measuring farm from the 20th. June to the 20th. September 1730 at which time they Resign'd those cowles.

General Letters read.

General Letters Read Viz^t.

From Fort S^t. David.

N°. 67 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 1st. Ins^t. Cheifly in answer to Our last to them, and advising how they Proceed in their Investment.

From Fort William.

N°. 68 dated 24th. & N°. 69 Dated 29th. August from the President and Council of Fort William the 1st. advising the arrival of the Aislebey & the other Designd for Cover of Invoice and Bill of loading for Salt Petre on the Antelope but they were omitted.

Cash account read.

The President Reads the Cash account for the last month Ballance Remaining forty four thous^d. eight hundred and three Pagodas twenty six fanams and twenty nine Cash 44803. 26. 29 which are carried to next account.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
[*Lacuna*].
NIC: MORSE.

13 Receivd from Nagapatam & Fort S^t. David Generall Letters by Tappies.
15 Sent By Tappys Generall Letter to Fort S^t. David.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R]. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
NICOLAS MORSE.

MONDAY 18TH.

John Roach Export Warehousekeeper Reads that account for last month Ballance Due from him thirty five Pagodas twenty seven fanams and forty eight cash 35. 27. 48 which are carried to the next account. Exp[t]. Warehouse acco[t]. read &

John Roach Paymaster reads that account for September Viz[t]. Paymasters.

Charges Garrison	1234	33	20
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Hospitall	75	1	45
Charges Generall	451	7	15
New Grainery	59	22	75
Charges Extraordinary	78	3	50
Fort Marlbrô	10	—	—
Bombay Presidency	25	—	—
Charges Diett	583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications	96	20	70
	2680	17	35

Ballance due to him and now paid One hundred and eighty Pagodas seventeen fanams and thirty five Cash 180. 17. 35.

The Extraordinary expence of this account arises from the following articles viz[t]. Extraordinary Expence reported.

NEW GRAINERY.						
Workmen employed	13	21	40			
Materials used	46	1	35			
				59	22	75
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.						
The Marshals note for Dieting three prisoners	2	15	50			
Allowed a Gratuity to 15 soldiers	75	—	—			
Charges executing a Criminal	—	24	—			
				78	3	50
FORT MARLBOROUGH.						
Allowance to Raja Coaloodean & his Servants.				10	—	—
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.						
Allowance to the Widow Burton & her Children				25	—	—
			Pag[s].	172	26	45

James Hubbard Sea Customer Reads that account for last month as follows. Sea Customers acco[t]. read.

Custome on Goods imported	799	24	72
D[o]. on Grain	46	22	48
Anchorage	80	—	—
	926	11	40

Ballance due from him three thousand and thirty eight Pagodas eighteen fanams and four Cash, in part of which he paid last Consultation One thousand Pagodas 1000.

The Secretary for Augustus Burton Storekeeper Reads that account for last month Ballance due from the Storekeeper One thousand three hundred and seven Pagodas seventeen fanams 1307. 17. — which are carried to next account. Storekeepers.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1731 ——

Imp^t. Warehouse-keep^rs. Samuel Hyde Import Warehousek^r. Reads that account for last month Ballance due from him One thousand two hundred thirty four Pagodas thirty five fanams and nineteen Cash 1234. 35. 19 of wch. he now pays One thousand Pagodas 1000.

Letters read. General Letters Read Viz^t.

From Nagapatam & N°. 70 dated 20th. Ins^t. N.S. from the Governour and Council of Nagapatam complaining of the Behaviour of Capt. Flowers at Gauley and inclosing Copys of Depositions Relating thereto.

Fort S^t. David. N°. 71 dated 11th. Ins^t. from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort S^t. David with an account Deficiencys in the stores sent them as enterd after this Consultation which are allowed to be wrote off.

Money advanced to the Boatmen. The Boatmen Requesting money to be advanced them for mending their Boats ORDERD that the Accomptant see what is Due from them on the General Books and that the Warehousekeeper do advance them so much as with the said Ballance shall amount to two hundred Pagodas 200.

New colours orderd to be provided and the State Palaquin to be fitted up. ORDERD that the Paymaster do provide new Colours to carry before the President and for the soldiers and new fitt up the Presidents Pallankeen.

Rent of the Arack farm paid in & Ponkilah Kissna farmer of the Arack and wine licence pays into cash three hundred thirty five Pagodas 335 for one months Rent of that Cowle due the 5th. Instant.

of the Beetle farm. Ponkilah Kissna and Ramah Chendra Tobacco and Beetle Farmers pay into Cash Eight hundred thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams 833. 12. — for one m^ths. Rent of that farm Due the 5th. Ins^t.

Town Brokerage paid. Gooroo Chitty and Terupedee Town Brokers pay four hundred Pag^s. 400 into Cash being for six months Rent of that Cowle Due the 5th. Septr. last.

Rent of the measuring duty paid. Quotambaucum Gruapah Farmer of the measuring Duty pays into Cash two hundred eighty three pagodas twelve fanams 283. 12. — for four months Rent of that Cowle due the 20th. September last.

Mint acco^t. read. The President Reads the Mint acco^t. for last month Ballance of Rupees Remaining thirty seven thousand four hundred Sixty six and ten annæs 37466. 10. and of Pagodas fifty one thirty fanams & fifty five Cash 51. 30. 55 which are paid into Cash.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
NIC: MORSE.

19 — Receivd by Peons Generall Letter from Ingeram.
Dispatchd by Peons Generall Letters to Nagapatam & Fort S^t. David of Yesterdays Date.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY Y^R. 1ST.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Cash acco^t. read. The President Reads the Cash acco^t. for last month ballance remaining Pag^s. forty eight thousand three hund^d. eighty three twenty five fan^s. and forty nine Cash 48383. 25. 49 which are carried to the next account

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The Accomptant Reads the Journal Parcels for the month of September.

Journal Parcels read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash five hundred forty five Pagodas ten fanams & twenty Cash for Ballance of his accot. for September.

Ld. Customers balla. pd.

The Secretary pays into Cash Eighty Seven pagodas eighteen fanams for the Ground sold Messrs. Hart and Stratton.

Purchase money of the Waste Ground paid.

James Hubbard Sea Customer pays into Cash eleven hundred and forty Pagodas in part of his Ballance.

Money paid in by the Sea Customer.

Nicholas Morse Rental General pays into Cash thirty five pagodas 35 in full for six months Rent of a Garden lett to Sebastian Chanda, due the 25th. Sepr. 1730 and Sixty 60 pagodas for twelve months Rent due the 25th. September last the Rent having been abated on account of the last Years Storm which blew down a great many of the cocoanut and other Fruit trees and the said Renter having Declared himself incapable of paying the usual Rent Agreed that a New Cowle be Given to Perseramah commencing from the said 25th. September at the Rent of Sixty 60 pagodas ℔ annum.

Rent of Gardens paid in.

The Paymaster Requesting money to pay the soldiers and other charges ordered that two thousd. five hundred pagodas 2500 be advanced him and that the Import Warehousekeeper do Deliver out cloth to him for Cloathing the Garrison.

Money advanced and Broad cloth dd. to the Paymr.

General Letters Read Vizt.

General Letters read.

No. 72 from the Govr. and Council of Nagapatam dated the 1st. Novr. last Relating to the Oastenders.

No. 73 from Mr. Sanderson at Ingeram dated the 4th. Ulto. giving hopes of a large Investment there and Desireing leave to come up in January,

Which it is agreed to permit him to do.

From Nagapatam & Ingeram.

Agreed also to write to Vizagapatm. to Order them to Dispatch one of the Europe ships with some of their Bales without waiting for the other that so we may begin to Wash them sooner than we could do if both ships were kept to come together.

Orders sent to Vizagapatm. touching the dispatch of the Europe ships.

Nicholas Morse Rental General and Scavinger pays into Cash five hundred Pagodas 500 on the following accounts vizt.

Money paid in acct. Quit Rent & Scavingrs. Duty.

Betteca Rent and Shroff Duty to 31st. August last	Ps. 80
Account Scavingers Duty	110
Quit Rents	310
	Ps. 500

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
[*Lacuna*].
Nic : Morse.

Sent by Peons Generall Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram of this Date. 1
Receivd By Tappys a Generall Letter from Fort St. David.
Receivd By Tappys a Generall Letter from Fort St. David. 8

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 9TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.	GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH.	JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE.	AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.	

Storekeeprs. accot. read.

Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads that accot. for the last month Ballance Due from him One thousand four hundd. ninety one Pagodas, two fanams and sixty one Cash 1491. 2. 61 of wch. he pays into Cash twelve hundred 1200. —. — Pags.

A note of Anoonas to the storehouse accounted for, also

And he also produces a bill for forty five Pags. nineteen fanams and ten Cash on Goda Anchona for stores Deliverd him out of the Storehouse in Aprill 1730 which he has not been able to Recover the money for, the Said Goda Anchona pretending that the Sheriffs have Secured all his Effects towards paying the Fine laid on him by the Courts of Oyer and Terminer which he therefore Requests may be allowed him out of the moneys paid into Cash on account of the said Fine or that he may have liberty to write of the amount to Proffitt and loss.

another for Quit Rents due for him.

The Rental General likewise desires the same for Quit Rents due from the said Anchona for houses belonging to him and sold by the Sheriff in part payment of the said Fine amounting to fifteen Pagodas 15.

Which Requests being Considerd were Agreed to and they are permitted to charge the same to Criminal forfeitures which Head has creditt for so much of the Fine as has been paid in, the particulars of these two Demands are enterd after Consultation.

Salt Petre provid'd.

The Storekeeper likewise Reports that he is in want of Salt Petre for making Powder, which he is ORDERD to Provide.

Money advanced by ye. Warehousekeepr. repaid him.

The Warehousekeeper having in Consequence of the Order of Consultation of the 18th. October advanced the Boatmen One hundred Sixty one Pagodas, nine fanams 161. 9. — and Requesting that it may be paid him ORDERD that it be Issued out of Cash.

A Garden relett.

A Cowle to Persa Ramah of a Garden formerly lett to Sabastian Chanda produced and Signed for five Years from the 25th. September, last at Sixty Pagodas 60 ℔ annum.

Letter from Fort St. David.

General Letters No. 74 Dated the 2d. and No. 75 the 6th. Instt. from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David Read, The first advising they have new listed thirteen of their old soldiers, that Sha Permall Insists upon a high Price for the forty Covid Ginghams and that Tondaroy Pillah has Received an Advance in Order to provide Cloth for the Company, the other Letter tells us that Tondaroy Pillah has Brought in some cloth and that they are in Want of Cash.

Cash sent thither.

AGREED that Ten thousand 10,000 Pagodas be sent to Fort St. David Overland on Thursday and that the Secretary do give notice of it to the Deputy Governour and Council, that they may have peons out to meett ours, & Shapermals Demand for the Gingham being Considerd it was Agreed that in Consideration of the times We Will consent to give as farr as forty seven and a half Pags. 47½ ℔ Corge for them, lest if he should at this Juncture be Disgusted it should prevent his Bringing in more Cloth.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
[*Lacuna*].
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

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ANCONAH.				Dr.
To 4 Hammers fa. 24, Ten Inchadoes p 2. 8	Pa.	2	32	—
1 md. Wax Candles pags. 4, 2. Iron Crows Pz. 33½ lb. p. 1. 31.		5	31	—
Iron 1 ⊕. — qrs. 14½ lb. pags. 3. 19. 20, Sea Coals 26 Bushells pags. 4. 12. —		7	31	20
Nails 1½ lb. fas. 3. 30, Two Timbers pags. 20 ..		20	3	30
Two Hatchetts fa. 14, Two peices Leather Parchments fa. 16		—	30	—
Two Reams fools Cap Paper		6	—	—
One hundred Quils fa. 15, One Penknife fas. 10 ..		—	25	—
One Ink Glass fa. 2, Two Pr. Shears fa. 30		—	32	—
Two sand Boxes fa. 6, four Pencils fa. 4, Pounce ¼ lb. fa. 4. 40		—	14	40
	Pags.	45	19	10

FORT ST. GEORGE
APRILL YE. 30TH. 1730.

AUGUSTUS BURTON
Storekeepr.

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T A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 15TH.

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

Paymasters acoot. read.

John Roach Paymaster reads that account for last month Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Ps.	1254	33	—
Charges Cattle		66	24	—
Charges Hospital		46	9	—
Charges General		375	27	20
Charges Extraordinary		14	18	—
Fort Marlbrô		10	—	—
Bombay Presidency		25	—	—
Charges Diett		583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications		129	18	70
	Pags.	2505	34	10

Ballance Due to him and now paid five Pagodas thirty four fanams & ten Cash 5. 34. 10.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1731* ——

Extraordinary Expence reported.

The Extraordinary expence in this account arises from the particulars following.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.						
Pd. a Soldier on the Christning his Child .. Ps.	1	—				
Allowed two soldiers as a Gratuity for five years longer service contracted for	10	—				
Charges On a Couple of Dogs sent into the Country for a Present	3	18	—			
				14	18	—
FORT MARLBROUGH.						
Allowance to Raja Ooaloodeane & his servants.				10	—	—
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.						
Allowance money to the Widdow Burton & her Children				25	—	—
Pags.				49	18	—

Money advanced to pay the painters.

The Export Warehousekeeper Requesting money for the Painters ORDERD that five hundred 500 Pags. be advanced him for that Purpose.

Sea Customers acct. read.

James Hubbard Sea Customer Reads that account for last month Vizt.

Custome on Goods imported .. .. Ps.	1018	34	4
Do. on Grain	7	20	56
Anchorage	42	18	—
	1069	—	60

Ballance Due from him three thousand and seventy five Pagodas fourteen fanams and sixty four Cash 3075. 14. 64 in part of which he paid the 1st. Instt. Eleven hundred and forty Pagodas 1140.

Ld. Customers acct. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer Reads his account for last month vizt.

Choultry Customes	289	31	20
Ruby Brokerage	198	15	33
Registring slaves	1	12	—
	489	22	53

Ballance Due from him one thousand and twenty two Pagodas Six fanams and seventy three Cash of which he paid in part the 1st. Instt. five hundred forty five Pagodas ten fanams and twenty Cash being the Ballance of his accot. for Septemr.

Generll. Letter from Ingeram.

General Letter No. 76 from Mr. John Sanderson dated the 26th. Ulto. Read promising a large Quantity of cloth and Requesting a supply of money.

Money to be sent there overland.

AGREED that Six thousand 6000 Madrass pagodas be sent him Overland under charge of twenty two Peons and that if he Do not Want the Whole sum he send the Remainder to Vizagapatam and that money be Issued out of Cash to purchase the same if to be Gott or else to coin into that specie.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
[*Lacuna*].
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.

16 Receivd by Peons Generall Letters from Vizagapatam & Ingeram.

18 Receivd by Tappys a Generall Letter from Fort St. David.

24 Dispatch'd by Peons General Letters to Vizagapatam & Ingeram to which Last place sent money under their Charge.

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—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1731* ——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICH^S. MORSE.

MONDAY YE. 29TH.

John Roach Export Warehousekeep^r. Reads that acco^t. for last month Ballance Due to him Seventy four Pagodas eighteen fanams and thirty eight Cash 74. 18. 38 which is carried to next acco^t. Expt. Warehouse acco^t. read.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeep^r. Reads that account for last month, Ballance due from him three thousand one hundred sixty five Pagodas, fifteen fanams and nine Cash of which he pays Eight hundred Pagodas 800. Import Warehouse

The President Reads the mint Account Current for last month Ballance Due from him twenty one thousand four hundred Sixty Six Rupees ten anæs 21466. 10. which are carried forward and forty three Pagodas twenty seven fanams and thirty five cash 43. 27. 35 which he now pays in. & Mint.

The Paymaster Requesting money to Defray the Charges of the Ensuing month ORDERED that two thousand five hundred Pag^s. 2500 be advanced him. Money advanced Paym^r.

Nicholas Morse Rental General and Scavinger pays into Cash three hundred & three Pagod^s. 303 On the following account vizt. Money paid in acco^t. Quit Rent & Scavingers Duty.

Account Quit Rents	P^s. 100	—	—
Scavingers Duty	40	—	—
Rent of the Companys Garden Six months	163	—	—
	303	—	—

General Letters Read Viz^t.

N°. 77 from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam Dated the 27th. Ult°. promising their Utmost care in the Investment and advising some Country News and the forwarding Our Packet for Bengal, also inclosing Copys of their Consultation &c^t. Generall Letters read from Vizagapatam,

N°. 78 from M^r. Sanderson at Ingeram dated the 3^d. Instant giving hopes of a Large Investment there next Year. Ingeram &

N°. 79 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 1st. Ins^t. which gives advice of the arrival of the [Cash] sent them & of the Death of M^r. George Mountague. Fort St. David.

After Reading which the President produced a letter from the Deputy Govr. to him advising that an offer was made to Coin a Pagoda in their Mint of the weight, fineness and stamp of the new specie coin'd here which being Debated,

Was AGREED to be allowed, except that instead of an M for Madrass they shall putt a C for Cuddalore or else that they may Coin the old Tavenepatam Pagoda as formerly but that they observe some times to send up a few that our Assay Master may see that they keep up to the true weight and fineness. Liberty allowed to coin a new specie of pagodas in their Mint.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash four hundred seventy six Pagodas thirty two fannams and fifty three Cash 476. 32. 53 in full of his last months Ballance. Land Customers Ball^ce. paid in.

Ponkila Kistna Farmer of the arack and Wine licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five Pag^s. 335 for one months Rent of that Farm Due the 5th. Instant. Arack rent paid &

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Beetle rent. Ponkila Kistna and Rama Chendra Tobacco and Beetle Farmers pay into Cash eight hundred thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams Pag^{s}. 833. 12. — for one months Rent Due the 5th. Instant.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
[*Lacuna*].
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

December 2 Sent By Peons a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}. David.

5 Receivd by Peons a General Letter from thence.

At a Consultation

Present

Monday the 13th.

George Morton Pitt Esqr. Governour President.
John Roach.
Augustus Burton.

Cash acoot. read, The President Reads the Cash account for last month Ballance remaining thirty two thousand nine hundred seventy eight Pagodas twenty eight fanams and Sixty seven Cash 32978. 28. 67.

Export Warehouse & John Roach Export Warehousek^{r}. Reads that account for last month, Ballance due from him ninety three pagodas twenty seven fanams and thirty nine Cash 93. 27. 39 which he now pays in.

Storekeepers. Augustus Burton Storekeeper reads that account for last month Ballance Due from him twenty seven Pagodas thirty fanams and thirty nine Cash 27. 30. 39 which is carried to next months account.

Letter from Fort S^{t}. David read. General Letter N°. 80 Dated the 3^{d}. Instant from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David accompanying Invoice for 3 Bales of Long Cloth Fine formerly Receivd and a muster of Midling Cloth for Dying and their Cash account.

M^{r}. Goddard permitted to come up. M^{r}. Holland Goddard having in a Letter to the President Requested leave to remove from Fort S^{t}. David to Reside here, Agreed that his Request be Granted.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
[*Lacuna*].
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

13 Sent By Tappies a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}. David.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1731 —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT. — MONDAY THE 20TH.
JOHN ROACH. JAMES HUBBARD.
SAMUEL HYDE. AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.

John Roach Paymaster Reads that acco^{t}. for last month vizt. — Paymasters account read, &

Charges Garrison	1249	10	70
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Hospital	46	10	—
Charges Generall	413	25	50
New Grainerry	40	29	5
Charges Extraordinary	6	—	—
Fort Marlbrô	10	—	—
Bombay Presidency	25	—	—
Charges Diett	583	12	—
Repairs of Fortifications	110	22	5
Pag^{s}.	2551	25	50

Ballance Due to him Pag^{s}. fifty one twenty five fanams and fifty Cash 51. 25. 50 which are now paid him.

The Extraordinary Expence in this acco^{t}. arrises from the particulars following. — Extraordinary Expence reported.

NEW GRAINERY.						
Materials laid in Viz^{t}. Stone Chenam, shell Chenam & Wall Bricks				40	29	5
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.						
paid on the Christning a soldiers Child.	1	—	—			
D^{o}. for firewood on the 5th. of November	5	—	—			
				6	—	—
FORT MARLBRÔ.						
Allowance to Raja Coaloodean & his Servants				10	—	—
BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.						
Allowance money to the Widow Burton & her Children				25	—	—
Pag^{s}.				81	29	5

James Hubbard Sea Customer Reads that account for last month Viz^{t}.

Custome on Goods imported	6450	3	76
D^{o}. on Grain	1	9	—
	6451	12	76

Ballance Due from him Eight thousand three hundred fifty four Pagodas twenty three fanams and Sixty Cash 8354. 23. 60 of which he now pays five thousand Pagodas 5000.

Samuel Hyde Import Warehousekeep^{r}. Reads that acco^{t}. for Last month Ballance Due from him Two thousand seven hundred and sixty Pagodas ten fanams and twenty four Cash 2760. 10. 24 of which he pays four hundred 400 pag^{s}. — Imp^{t}. Warehouse acco^{t}. read.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1731* —

Samuel Hyde Land Customer Reads that account for last month viz[t].

Choultry Customes	289	22	3
Ruby Brokerage	10	6	42
	299	28	45

Ballance Due from him Two hundred eighty seven Pag[s]. two fa[s]. forty five Cash 287. 2. 45 which is Carried to the next account.

Rent of the Paddy feilds paid in. Daveroy Moodelaire Renter of the Pady feilds pays into Cash seven hundred and ten Pagodas in full for one years Rent of that Farm Due the 30th. September.

New Mayor sworn. The Mayor and Aldermen appearing before the Board and presenting M[r]. John Bulkley as Unanimously Elected by them to serve as Mayor for the ensuing year he took the oaths of office and allegiance accordingly, And

M[r]. Nich[s]. Morse appt[d]. Sherriff. The Board Elected M[r]. Nicolas Morse to serve as Sheriff for the Ensuing year who also took the Oaths of office and allegiance.

Arack rent & Beetle farm paid. Poncala Kisna Farmer of the Arack & Wine licence pays into Cash three hundred thirty five 335 pagodas for one months Rent of that farm Due the 5th. Ins[t].

Ponkila Kisna and Rama Chendra Tobacco and Beetle Farmers pay into Cash eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams for one months Rent Due the 5th. Instant.

G. M. Pitt.
J. Roach.
James Hubbard.
[*Lacuna*].
Aug: Burton.
Nic: Morse.

20th. Sent By Tappies a Generall Letter to Fort S[t]. David.
22 Receivd by Peons Generall Letter from Bengal, Ingeram & Fort S[t]. David.
26 Brigantine Pattee Moobarac arrived from Bengall.
27 Sloop Edward James Barclay arrived from Ingeram with Bales on the Hon[ble]. Companys account & a Generall Letter.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday the 28th.

George Morton Pitt Esq[r]. Governour President.
John Roach.
Samuel Hyde.
Nicolas Morse.

General Letters read from Bengall, General Letters Read viz[t].

N°. 81 Dated the 16th. Novem[r]. from the President and Council of Fort William advising they should send up four ships 'and of troubles with the Moors Government.

Vizagapatam, N°. 82 from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam Dated the 2[d]. Instant serving Cheifly to accompany the above.

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N°. 83 from M^r. John Sanderson Dated the 18th. Instant inclosing Invoice of one hundred Bales of Calicœs on the Edward and promising one hundred and fifty more. Ingeram &

N°. 84 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 20th. Instant advising that they have Communicated to their merchants the liberty We have allowed them of Coining Pagodas. Fort S^t. David.

The President Reads the Mint Account Current for the Last month Ballance remaining thirteen thousand four hundred sixty six Rupees ten annæs 13466. 10 which are Carried to the next account and seventy six Pagodas three fanams and twenty five Cash 76. 3. 25 which he now pays in. Mint acco^t. read.

Samuel Hyde Land Customer pays into Cash two hundred eighty seven Pagodas two fanams and forty five Cash 287. 2. 45 Ballance of his last account. Land Customers Ball^ce. paid.

The Paymaster Requesting money for Payment of the Garrison for the ensuing month ORDERD that Two thousand five hundred Pagodas 2500 be advanced him, and Paymaster advanced money.

Five hundred pagodas 500 to the Export Warehousekeeper, he requesting that sum to pay the Painters. Painters d^o.

G. M. PITT.
J. ROACH.
JAMES HUBBARD.
[*Lacuna*].
AUG : BURTON.
NIC : MORSE.

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